

Joint body meets in El-Arish

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent

The Joint Commission: Israel-Egypt will meet in El-Arish this morning, to finalize details for the handing over of the town to the Egyptians on May 25.

The Egyptian delegation to the Joint Commission will be arriving in El-Arish at around 9:00 a.m. by road from Kantara.

After an opening meeting, the two delegations will tour the town, including visits to the hospital, a local rehabilitation centre for wayward youth, a factory run by Kitan Dimona, and the fish marketing cooperative.

They will also visit the laundry operated by Moshav Ne'ot Sinai, which handles the IDF's laundry. The site of the laundry was supposed to have been returned to Egypt in the first stage of the pullback, but Egypt later agreed to leave it under Israeli control until the final pullback in three years' time.

The two delegations will return to Egypt and Tel Aviv respectively this evening, coming to El-Arish again on Monday for another day of meetings. This will be the second meeting of the Joint Commission. The first was held on April 28.

Egypt's autonomy team to contact W. Bankers

By ANAN SARADI Post Middle East Affairs Editor

President Anwar Sadat has commissioned a team of Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials to communicate with Arab leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip within the next three weeks over a blueprint for autonomy in those territories.

The team, which will be headed by Undersecretary Osama al-Bas, plans to wrap up its version of the autonomy before talks between Egypt and Israel open in El-Arish at the end of this month.

It was not clear last night whether the autonomy team will visit the West Bank and Gaza Strip — an option which Israel has already approved.

Indications were that the preliminary consultations will be conducted first from Cairo and El-Arish before moving into Gaza.

El-Bas has been conducting a behind-the-scenes dialogue with Gazans and West Bankers ever since his participation in the abortive political committee talks in Jerusalem of January last year.

The autonomy blueprint ordered by Sadat is planned to counter the revamped autonomy scheme which Egyptian Premier Menachem Begin presented last Thursday to an 11-man ministerial committee dealing with the subject.

There were indications that the Egyptians are also counting on the

U.S. to forward its own blueprint to close the gaps already separating Cairo's views from Israel's over autonomy. The Egyptians have been contesting the Israeli conception of autonomy which provides for "a full administrative autonomy for the inhabitants while preserving Israel's right to settle and maintain security there amid the abolishing of frontiers throughout Eretz Yisrael."

Jerusalem on Friday challenged an Egyptian Foreign Ministry statement which claimed that Israel had set a precedent for a total withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and from the Golan Heights, by having agreed to vacate the Sinai peninsula.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem reminded Egypt that the two countries were on record as agreeing to the continued presence of the Israel Defence Forces in the West Bank and Gaza, adding that the border on the Golan will have to be negotiated between Israel and Syria only.

The spokesman said that there was no basis to the contention that the Camp David peace accords required Israel to relinquish either Judea and Samaria or Gaza or the Golan Heights.

"The accords with Egypt provided that the IDF will remain at agreed locations in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, despite its pullback from certain positions in those parts of Eretz Yisrael," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that the Golan Heights were not even mentioned in the accords, noting that Israel was left to settle the problem of borders there in direct negotiations with Syria.



Well-wishers greet newly elected British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on her first day of work at 10 Downing Street. (UPI telephoto)

Gov't workers begin three-day strike today

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter

Government services will be crippled today as tens of thousands of civil servants begin a three-day strike for higher pay.

To weaken the impact, back-to-work orders were issued last night by the director-general of the Communications Ministry, Moshe Gidron, to the employees of the international communications services.

Similar orders were issued to the postal service employees at Ben-Gurion airport. Back to work orders will be issued also in several other ministries, Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Friedman told The Jerusalem Post last night.

Friedman said that the strikers will be prevented from forming picket lines to keep crowds away from their desks. He did not say how he planned to do it but said he did not intend to call in the police.

Histadrut leaders yesterday had conflicting estimates on the number of civil servants who will strike. Behavia Ofek, deputy chairman of the Trade Union Department, told The Post he believed only the 40,000 employees in the drug and unified grade scale will stay away.

The strike will not include engineers, doctors, nurses and social workers, he noted. Postal service employees, tax collectors and cleaning personnel will be absent but that is bearable, he added.

Other sources reported that the trains will not run. It was not clear whether radio and television will go off the air completely. (See report — page 2)

Reuven Ben-Ami, secretary of the Civil Servants Union, told The Post he believed all 60,000 civil servants will strike. The decision to strike was

taken by committees representing all government ministries so their votes bind all employees in the ministries — even those who belong to other unions (such as engineers), he said.

Last-minute attempts to avert the strike failed on Friday. Friedman told The Post the workers had presented their demands in the form of an ultimatum and he rejected them.

During the three-and-a-half hour meeting in Jerusalem, the Histadrut demanded increased allowances to compensate employees for IL200 to IL1,000 monthly increments granted to engineers and other professionals.

It also demanded that the lowest grades in the wage scale be abolished and that workers be promoted at a faster rate.

Friedman said this was tantamount to re-opening the wage agreement, which expires on March 30, 1980. If the government agrees to promote the 40,000 members of the Civil Servants Union at faster rates, other workers will demand the same, he said. Eventually the 350,000 employees of the Jewish Agency, the municipalities and other public service institutions will demand faster promotions and the production workers will follow suit, Friedman claimed.

Friedman acknowledged that civil servants are promoted at a slower rate than the technicians, for example, but said their seniority pay is higher. The civil servants were not ready to adopt the technicians' system of seniority pay, he noted.

Friedman said he will not meet the employees until they return to work. He also announced the government will deduct strike pay.

Carter's man moves up his schedule for autonomy talks

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Robert Straus, the new U.S. negotiator for the Middle East, has revised his earlier plans and now expects to involve himself in the autonomy negotiations by the end of June or early July, well-placed diplomatic sources here have disclosed.

The sources said that Straus will probably kick off his personal involvement in the negotiations with another visit to Israel and Egypt by that time.

Earlier, immediately after President Jimmy Carter named Straus to the key post, the envoy had stated that he would wait until early September before getting directly involved. Straus, who is the chief U.S. trade negotiator, had explained he would be too busy seeing the latest trade agreement ratified by the Senate during the summer. He had also said he wanted to spend several months studying the issues in the autonomy negotiations.

But Carter and other U.S. officials now want Straus to raise his diplomatic profile earlier, apparently to try to ease the hostile reaction to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in much of the Arab world.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will represent the U.S. at the summit between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat at El-Arish on May 27.

The accelerated Straus schedule, as well as Vance's visit, are designed to try to reassure the Arabs that the U.S. will seriously seek to promote the autonomy negotiations.

Straus is currently organizing his staff. Sources said he is considering naming James Leonard, a career State Department diplomat who is now the number two U.S. official at the UN behind Ambassador Andrew Young, as his chief aide.

Last week, Straus met with a delegation of American Jewish leaders, including Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. A sampling of opinion among the Jews at that meeting suggested that they were pleased by Straus' appointment.

Author of PLO cable expelled to Lebanon

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

A 37-year-old Bir Zeit student, Riad Abu Awwad — who reportedly drew up a message of support sent to a PLO conference in Damascus by a group of Israeli Arab students in January — was expelled to Lebanon on Friday by the military government.

Abu Awwad had fought the expulsion order all the way up to the High Court, and had also appealed to Minister of Defence Ezer Weizman.

Crossing into South Lebanon, Abu Awwad was stopped by shepherds from the Shia village of Meis el-Jabal. He was brought for questioning to Christian militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad, who turned him over to Nigerian UN troops after establishing his identity.

The order gave no indication of the army's proposed strength, or of its role beside the reorganized units of the shah's army, now called the "Islamic Revolutionary Army."

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Thatcher picks cabinet, leaves Heath out

LONDON. — Newly elected British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday went to the right wing of her Conservative Party to name a 22-member cabinet.

At the same time, the first woman premier in Western Europe bypassed former prime minister Edward Heath, the man she ousted four years ago to take control of the Tories.

Thatcher named Lord Carrington, the Conservative leader in the House of Lords, as foreign secretary, dashing speculation that Heath would get the job. Carrington, 69, served from 1970 to 1974 in Heath's cabinet as defence minister.

Heath's absence from Thatcher's cabinet was seen as the result of the cool relations between the two Tory leaders ever since the 53-year-old grocer's daughter took control of the party in 1975 after Heath's defeat to Labour. The former premier had campaigned energetically during the five-week campaign that ended Thursday, but he rarely mentioned Thatcher by name.

Thatcher, a petite blonde and mother of twins, on Friday received the mandate from Queen Elizabeth II to form a cabinet after her stunning victory over Labour's James Callaghan. "I feel a sense of change and an aura of calm," Thatcher said yesterday, her first day of work as prime minister.

Despite predictions of a photo-finish race, the parliament that will meet for the first time this Wednesday gives the Tories an absolute majority, with 388 seats to Labour's 268.

Congratulatory messages yesterday poured into 10 Downing Street from around the world. U.S. President Jimmy Carter telephoned. Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin telegraphed.

In India, former premier Indira Gandhi said that it doesn't matter whether a premier "is a man or a woman," and Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who once described women political leaders as "devilish," sent his "best wishes."

Jihan Sadat, the wife of the Egyptian president, cabled Thatcher, saying that the British premier's election was the "cause of immense pride and happiness to women throughout the world."

The Conservative's 43-seat majority — the best since Harold Wilson won with a 99-seat majority for Labour in March 1966 — gives the Tories a reasonable assurance that they will govern for a full five-year term.

Hard hit was the Liberal Party, which has been beset with troubles ever since its former leader Jeremy Thorpe was indicted on a murder conspiracy charge last year. The Liberals lost three of their 14 seats, including Thorpe's, for only 13 instead of the optimistic 50 they had hoped for.

Thatcher, the champion for self-reliance, called on her Tory deputy William Whitelaw to be home secretary. But it was Sir Geoffrey Howe, the party spokesman on financial affairs, who faced the biggest work load in the coming weeks, after Thatcher named him Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Prominent on Howe's agenda will be preparations for a major personal income-tax cut, which was a major plank in Thatcher's campaign platform.

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CLA ouster sought by Saudis

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Relations between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia last month had deteriorated to the point that the Saudis had served notice of their intention to declare the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency station chief in Jeddah persona non grata, according to a report in "The Washington Star."

Following extensive diplomatic contacts, however, the Saudis eventually reconsidered and dropped their demands for his formal expulsion, the report said. "The CIA man is being quietly withdrawn, but the episode is a warning of the mistrust which now infects a relationship that is crucial to the U.S.," the paper added.

The report was written by columnist Cord Meyer, himself a former high official in the CIA. Meyer did not name the CIA official but noted that he was "an able officer with long experience in the Middle East."

The officer, according to Meyer, had "aroused concern among the ruling family by his efforts to ascertain the extent of internal dissension" in Saudi Arabia.

Meyer said that the Saudis suspected that the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter was deliberately waging a campaign to discredit the monarchy by the means of recent U.S. press reports that Crown Prince Fahd was losing out in a struggle for power with the other princes.

U.S. intelligence sources are known to be concerned about the stability of the Saudi regime, especially in light of the revolution in Iran.

Morocco delays Egyptians' departure to Islamic meet

CAIRO. — Egypt has postponed sending its delegation to this week's Islamic foreign ministers conference in Morocco, at the request of Moroccan King Hassan, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

A ministry statement said the Egyptian delegation — led by senior presidential aide Hassan el-Tohamy, who holds the rank of deputy premier — had been about to leave Cairo when Morocco requested the postponement.

The conference, grouping 48 Moslem states and the PLO, is scheduled to open on Tuesday at Fez. The statement said the government received an urgent telegram from the Moroccan foreign ministry "requesting postponement of the arrival of the Egyptian delegation pending a trip to Cairo by a representative of the secretary-general of the Islamic Congress to deliver a written message to the authorities."

The statement said Cairo agreed to postpone the delegation's departure by one day on the understanding

that the emissary to Cairo would then accompany the group to Morocco.

The Jeddah-based Islamic Congress is the organization sponsoring the Fez ministerial session.

Officials said the Egyptian delegation's task at Fez would be to seek support for an Islamic summit on "liberating" East Jerusalem from Israel, and to fight off any attempt by Arab radicals to suspend Egypt's membership in the Islamic League because of its peace treaty with Israel.

Meanwhile in New Delhi an Indian official spokesman said that Yugoslavia and India, leading countries in the non-aligned movement, oppose any move to expel Egypt.

The spokesman said that during a meeting between Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai and visiting Yugoslav Foreign Minister Josp Vukovic, the two leaders had agreed that "procedurally or otherwise" there was no case to suspend Egypt from the movement. (UPI, AP)

Ehrlich ordered to explain bank sale

By SILOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has 30 days to explain why the government will not sell its shares in the Maritime Bank to U.S. investor Robert Hecht, the High Court of Justice ruled on Friday.

Hecht offered \$120m. more for them than did a firm of the Eisenberg group, whose \$10.5m. offer was accepted by the Treasury. The High Court was accepting a request by Hecht's representatives to issue an order against the finance minister.

Hecht's people asserted that the final price likely to be paid by the Eisenberg investors will be 50 per cent less than the \$10.5m. declared, since it is not clear whether the bank's profits since October 1978 are to be included in the purchase price, or if the Israel law giving tax breaks to investors will apply in this case.

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'Israel Navy to sail Canal after May 27'

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Israeli naval vessels will be allowed to use the Suez Canal immediately after the May 27 meeting between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat in El-Arish, according to a report on Israeli Television yesterday.

The ships, which are now stationed in the Gulf of Elilat, will sail through the Canal loaded with equipment from Israeli naval bases in the Gulf of Suez in preparation for returning the area to Egypt, the report said.

Begin and Sadat are scheduled to meet in El-Arish on May 27.

Air crash victims' parents declare war on IDF

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent

The parents of eight Israeli airmen killed in a helicopter crash at Rosh Pina in April 1978 have issued a public demand — based on their own tortuous experiences of the past five years — that the army be held publicly accountable for the actions of its officers.

The parents have received the support of Premier Menachem Begin, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, various members of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and former attorneys-general Aharon Barak and Meir Shamgar. They are demanding that a permanent body be established in the IDF whose only job would be to establish regulations aimed at preventing unnecessary deaths and at implementing those regulations.

Their demands also include making the military legal establishment subordinate to the Attorney-General and having him responsible for investigating any fatal accident in the military. Any soldier found guilty of having caused death through negligence should be charged with a felony, their list of demands continues.

The demands are the result of a five-year nightmare during which the parents say they were prevented

from obtaining even elementary data on how their children were killed. During that time there was a continuous abuse, they feel, of their elementary right to know.

They also charge that former O.C. Air Force Aluf Elyanin Peled knowingly obstructed the investigation into the causes of the crash by the military prosecutor-general. The parents say that obstruction led to the eventual resignation of the prosecutor assigned to the case who, in a letter to the investigating magistrate, said that conditions had made it impossible to do his job.

The parents have some 5,000 pages of testimony and evidence accumulated, mainly through the persistent efforts of Ya'acov Tamar, an income tax official from Tel Aviv, and Ze'ev Farkash, the well-known Israeli cartoonist, representing all the bereaved parents.

The parents charge that testimony makes it blatantly apparent that the Air Force not only prevented them from finding out why the accident occurred, but also did its best to prevent an independent investigatory body established by the military advocate-general from doing its job.

On April 19, 1974 — a clear day with no unusual weather conditions — two helicopters crashed into each other while landing at the

Mahanayim airfield near Rosh Pina. From the subsequent trial of the solitary air controller at the field — a corporal — it was learned that he was inexperienced, untrained, and had been changed with landing 15 helicopters simultaneously. The corporal was acquitted, with the judge (former attorney-general Shamgar) noting that "extreme good luck would have been necessary for an accident not to occur."

A second lieutenant was also charged, and subsequently acquitted. It was the opinion of the parents, and of Shamgar in his judgment, that these two "small fish" were not the real culprits in the tragedy, but rather that the cause was the lack of coherent instructions from the planning section at the air force general staff. (The present O.C. Air Force, Aluf David Ivri, headed this section at the time.)

In their public appeal the parents claim that it is not their intention to try and re-live the tragedy of their children, nor to call for "the blood" of those responsible at the time.

The parents say they want to force the IDF to be accountable for its actions to the public, and to make the army a safer place for the youth of Israel to serve in. They claim that in five years of bitter experience,

despite sympathy from the country's top legal men and politicians, it was impossible to carry justice out to its logical conclusion because of the archaic protection the military hierarchy enjoys through the military legal code.

They note that by the time Barak, on Prime Minister Begin's orders, recommended in 1978 that action be taken against certain very senior officers in the Air Force, it was too late to do anything since there is a three-year statute of limitations in the IDF. The officers Barak recommended be disciplined are still on active service — all of them holding responsible positions.

Because of the immunity enjoyed by the military they are virtually untouchable, the parents claim, and totally unaccountable to civilian judicial process.

The case is currently being dealt with in the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. The public statement by the parents, including their specific demands, is reportedly the start of a massive public campaign which the parents intend to launch. If they feel it will help reach their goal, they are said ready to make classified material public, in the full knowledge that this could lead to legal steps against them.



Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini covers his face as he weeps with emotion during the funeral ceremony for assassinated religious colleague Ayatollah Morteza Motaheri. (AP radiophoto)

Khomeini announces new army

TEHERAN. — Iran's religious strongman Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini announced yesterday he was creating an army of Islamic revolutionary guards.

In an order issued from his headquarters in the holy city of Qom, 180 km south of Teheran, the 78-year-old leader made his secret revolutionary council responsible for setting up the "army of the guardians of the Islamic revolution."

The order gave no indication of the army's proposed strength, or of its role beside the reorganized units of the shah's army, now called the "Islamic Revolutionary Army."

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four more of the shah's supporters early yesterday, the newspaper "Kayhan" reported. This brought the total of known executions to 169 since the monarchy fell in February.

Other news reports yesterday said Iranian revolutionary guardsmen had arrested eight persons on charges of associating with Forghan, a militant Islamic group that claimed responsibility for two recent political assassinations.

Forghan opposes Iran's Islamic republic and accuses some of its leaders of plotting a pro-U.S. coup.

It claimed responsibility for the assassination last Wednesday of Ayatollah Morteza Motaheri, a close associate of Khomeini. The group also claims responsibility for the slaying of Gen. Mohammed Vahid Ghazani, a former armed forces chief of staff for the Khomeini regime, who was shot down on April 23. (UPI, AP)

Local cigarettes cost 22.7% more today

Post Economic Reporter

Local cigarettes go up in price by 22.7 per cent as of this morning. The decision, made several weeks ago, has caused hoarding and shortages. The cigarettes last went up in October of last year.

The Public Prices Committee last Thursday also approved a rise in the price of tea — on tea bags, by 29.3 per cent and on loose tea by 28.2 per cent. Tea also rose last in October 1978.

Cement is to go up by 8 per cent. Osem pasta products by 12.5 per cent, corr

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COPENHAGEN	2	10	45
FRANKFURT	1	14	45
LONDON	1	14	45
MADRID	2	10	45
MUNICH	1	14	45
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Uganda pledges to find Dora Bloch's killers

Jerusalem Post Staff
Uganda's new president has pledged to track down the murderers of the late Dora Bloch, the Israeli woman dragged out of a Kampala hospital by former Ugandan dictator Idi Amin's men after Israeli commandos freed her fellow hostages at Entebbe airport in 1976.

In a telegram to Mrs. Bloch's son Daniel Bloch, a political correspondent for the newspaper "Davar," President Yusefu Lule said that his "government shall endeavour to trace all culprits with the view of bringing them to face the law."

Bloch last week asked for Lule's help in investigating the circumstances of his mother's death and the place of her burial.

Mrs. Bloch, 74, was one of the 98 hostages held by Arab and German terrorists who had hijacked their Air France jet. She was hospitalized in Kampala, and as a result was left behind when Israeli commandos rescued the other hostages and 12 crew members on July 4, 1976. She disappeared from the hospital immediately following the rescue mission. Recent reports indicate that Amin's feared State Research Bureau took her to a forest and shot her to death.

In his telegram to Lule, Bloch also asked the Ugandans to attempt to get information from Bob Astles, an adviser to Amin who was captured recently in Kenya. Bloch told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Astles is believed to know the circumstances of his mother's death and her burial place. Bloch hopes to have his mother re-interred in Israel.

In his telegram Lule also said: "The wanton murder of the late Dora Bloch and the thousands of other innocent Ugandans by Amin and his terror gangs has shocked all Ugandans and indeed the world community...The new government shall endeavour to trace all culprits with the view of bringing them to face the law. Your concern about Bob Astles has already been taken very seriously by the new government, and when the details and truth are established the government shall certainly contact you."



Israeli youngsters viewing a display in Jerusalem's Israel Museum of "peace paintings" by their Egyptian counterparts. The display, brought to Israel by journalist Amos Elon, shows the work of some 50 Cairo pupils. (Rahamim Israeli)

Likud MK may delay bill curbing President

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Likud MK Avraham Katz's proposed bill to curtail the President's ability to veto more of his political arena at the end of his term of office may not be tabled tomorrow in the Knesset as initially planned.

Katz now intends to seek more support for the measure — which would stipulate a four-year interim period between the time a president completes his term, or resigns from it, and stands in a Knesset election.

The bill probably will not even be put on the agenda of the Likud Knesset faction executive, which meets tomorrow to discuss forthcoming legislation.

Several Likud MKs have been saying that President Yitzhak Navon is exploiting his position to propagate his political views, and possibly to build up his image for an eventual return to the political arena.

But many Likud MKs, while critical of Navon, are hesitant about the proposed legislation. There is a growing opinion within the Likud that the best thing for Israel would be to do away entirely with the positions of president and prime minister as they now exist, and elect an American-style president, with wide executive powers such as those held today by the prime minister.

This opinion was expressed to *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday by MK Avraham Sharrir, who is chairman of the Likud Knesset faction, and by Herut Knesset faction leader Haim Kaufman.

Sharrir noted that "for 31 years there has been no politicization of the office of the president, but now the situation has changed with President Navon. This was clear in many of his recent pronouncements and especially in his initial refusal to okay the appointment of Ephraim Evron as Israel's ambassador to Washington. There very clearly is a problem but we must be extremely careful about how to approach it, and I myself am against personal legislation."

Kaufman agreed that "a serious problem exists. Prime Minister Begin has been more respectful of the office of president than any of his predecessors, but Navon has given a cause for concern. A president is a man who manages the goodwill of the nation, and the question is whether it would be ethical to turn this into political capital."

"But this is a sensitive problem and we must be careful in handling it. Katz's proposal will not fall on deaf ears in the Likud, due to the great frustration among members regarding Navon's recent performance," Kaufman said.

Hillel Seidel of the Likud's Abdnat faction also objected to Katz's proposed bill, saying it was not discussed — either in the Likud itself or in the party's Knesset faction.

The Shal Party secretary on Friday called on Likud Knesset members to cast a "mildly negative" vote on the bill, but to attempt to "hurt the nation's president."

Jacques Amir, Dimona mayor and Alignment-Labour Knesset member, yesterday attacked the Katz proposal, saying that Navon is the first president who opened the doors of the President's house to the worker and common man, and not just the upper strata.

President Navon has told Finance Minister Ehrlich that he has no intention of returning to political life, according to a report on Israel TV last night.

Ehrlich called Navon on Friday to assure him that he had no part in the effort by a number of Likud MKs to propose a bill stipulating a four-year cooling-off period for a president before he could run for the Knesset after leaving office.

Students questioned at two closed West bank colleges

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Bethlehem college.
Dr. Hanna Nasser, Bir Zeit's president who has been living in Jordan since his deportation by the military government in 1974, has reportedly sent telegrams to UNESCO and other international educational bodies to protest against the closure.

Authorities at the college have also issued a detailed account of last Wednesday's disturbance. Their account accuses Israeli civilians of opening fire on students and speaks of searches conducted on the campus by officers of the military government.

The college's spokesman was also alleged that several students were "humiliated and beaten" in the course of a questioning by the authorities.

Meanwhile, Arab municipal leaders and other public figures have sent a strongly worded protest to Defence Minister Ezer Weizman against the fact that they were refused permission to hold a peaceful march in Beit Zeit Wednesday. The letter also claims that the recent decision to build two new Jewish settlements at Shiloh and Elon Moreh is "an insult to the rights and feelings of the Arab landowners" as well as "ignoring every international law and covenant."

The centre of Ramallah was closed for two hours yesterday morning after a suspicious object was spotted in the town's square. Security forces discovered that the object was harmless.

Well-informed sources told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the questioning of students would probably continue for several more days.

The Catholic University of Bethlehem was ordered closed for four days on Thursday after students held a pro-PLO demonstration in the course of which trees were burnt and stones thrown at Israeli vehicles.

Judea and Samaria Commander Tat-Ahuf Binyamin Ben-Eliezer has informed the dean at Bir Zeit University, Dr. Gabi Barzani, that the college will not be permitted to reopen until the student representatives can convince the military government that studies will continue uninterrupted in the future.

The Bir Zeit institution, near Ramallah, was ordered closed "until further notice" in the wake of recent demonstrations which culminated in the shooting of a student on Independence Day.

The West Bank's Council of Higher Education is due to meet tomorrow to discuss the closure of the two institutions. Stones were thrown at vehicles and tires burned in Thursday's demonstration at the

In revenge for shooting Lebanese Beduin kidnap, then release 4 UNIFIL men

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METHUEN. — Four members of UNIFIL being held captive by the residents of the Beduin village of Dheira in South Lebanon were released on Friday night, after the intervention of Christian militia leader Sa'ad Haddad, UNIFIL commander Emmanuel Erakine, and the IDF.

The four — three Dutch soldiers and a Finnish civilian employee — had been taken by the villagers from a UN observation post near Marwahin in retaliation for the death of a Dheira resident last month. The man had reportedly been laying telephone lines near the UN command post at Nakura when he was shot.

Village residents had claimed that the soldiers who shot the Beduin were Dutch.

The villagers kidnapped the UN men early Friday threatening to kill them if UNIFIL did not fulfil a promise to pay compensation to the dead villager's family. The UN in New York announced yesterday that it would pay an undisclosed sum in compensation for the man's death, as was described officially by the UN as "an exceptional gesture."

The UN had asked Major Haddad and the IDF to secure the kidnapped men's release, but an announcement by the UN spokesman in Jerusalem accusing the Christian militia of the kidnapping aroused anger in the south and Haddad refused to intervene.

Only after the intervention of IDF officers was a meeting held in Methuon on Friday evening. British

and his aides, Haddad, Mukhtar Dheira, the mother of the dead man, and other relatives of his attended.

The family finally agreed to free the soldiers. They were returned late Friday night by the dead man's mother, who marched the kidnapped men to the UN command.

The affair aroused a storm in Holland and at the UN and increased tension between UNIFIL and the Christians, but after the UN spokesman later released a corrected announcement, Haddad's spokesman reported that conditions in South Lebanon had returned to normal.

Travellers who arrived yesterday from Beirut and Tyre told of increasing tension throughout Lebanon. They reported demands by civilians in Tyre that the PLO terrorists leave that city and close their offices.

A taxi driver said that hundreds of women and children had besieged the terrorists' Tyre office, and that they had promised to close them within several days.

Meanwhile, two Canadian UN officers serving in Lebanon with UNTSO observation units were arrested in Carmel over the weekend after being seen photographing military equipment in the Rosh Pina and Safad areas. The two, both captains, were identified as Michel Sibat and George Wilburg.

The officers' film was confiscated. Last week, a Swedish UN soldier was arrested after allegedly photographing near Beit Elileh in Upper Galilee.

Peres refused African offers of meeting with Arafat

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said over the weekend that he had turned down recent offers by African leaders to arrange a meeting for him with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Speaking on Israeli Radio, Peres also accused Israel Broadcasting of bias in airing political interviews with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and allegedly not allowing the Labour opposition to reply.

The opposition leader said that Saudi Arabian, Egyptian and U.S. officials had asked him last year what his party's response would be if the PLO were to recognize the state of Israel and UN Security Council resolution 242. He reiterated Labour's position that no contact was possible as long as the PLO holds to its covenant on expelling Jews and murdering women and children.

Peres said that Labour would not join Begin's attempts to redefine autonomy, and warned that what had been signed at Camp David on the subject constituted a dangerous but established fact. "At Camp David they signed about autonomy, and its source of authority is the signed agreement. They cannot then come today and say that the source of authority will be Israel," he asserted.

Peres complained that last week Begin had attacked the Labour Party in several radio and TV interviews. He demanded that time be allotted for open political debate. Even last week's World Jewish Bible Quiz for Youth, he charged, had been turned into a political stage.

The Labour leader expressed bitterness at Begin's lack of consultation with the opposition. The Knesset is faced only with establishing a *de-facto* accord, he said, unlike during the Labour Party's rule, when Begin, then "opposition chief," was informed of important decisions before they became public.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear.

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	10-23	26
Golan	8-24	24
Nahariya	9-22	24
Safad	13-22	24
Hafia Port	13-23	24
Tiberias	13-23	24
Nazareth	13-23	24
Afula	13-23	24
Shomron	13-23	24
Tel Aviv	14-22	24
E-G Airport	13-23	24
Jericho	17-30	33
Gaza	14-22	24
Beersheba	11-26	28
Eilat	20-35	37
Tiran Straits	23-31	32

Radio technicians strike 2 channels

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel Radio technicians in Jerusalem shut down broadcasts on the First and Third Programmes from Friday afternoon through yesterday over demands for higher Saturday pay.

A Work Committee representative declined to say how long the sanctions would continue and whether they would spread to the radio's other stations.

The Broadcasting Authority management claimed last night that the technicians' sanctions were "a wildcat strike without permission from the professional union and without warning."

But a member of the technicians' Works Committee claimed that the secretary of the engineers union in

Jerusalem, Avraham Shotman, had okayed the work stoppage. The works committee representative claimed the technicians are not paid as much for overtime work on Saturdays as other Broadcasting Authority employees. Technically, their strike came "in protest" against the radio's failure to publicize the number of Saturday work permits that it had obtained from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The Broadcasting Authority spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that approval for such a strike must come as an official decision by the union and not as an oral commitment by its secretary. This latest labour stoppage will be discussed today by the authority management.

Russian UN officers briefly in Israel

TIBERIAS. — Three Russian lieutenant colonels serving as UN observers in Syria were allowed to enter Israel on Thursday through the Kuneitra checkpoint to participate in a meeting of UN observers held in Tiberias, according to a UN source here.

They were the first Russian officers known to have entered Israel

in some years. According to the sources, they crossed the border together with a Finnish UN officer, and stayed for a number of hours in Galilee and Tiberias. They apparently also met with the Israeli senior liaison officer in the north, Sgan Aluf Gerry Gal.

The UN spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report.



Four senior members of Margaret Thatcher's new Tory government. From left to right: Home Secretary William Whitelaw, Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Defence Secretary Francis Pym, and Chancellor of the Exchequer Geoffrey Howe. (AP radiophoto)

THATCHER PICKS CABINET

(Continued from Page 1)

"The unions expect to be consulted, and to criticize all actions which place unnecessary barriers in the way of economic and social advance."

While labour was issuing warnings, the London stock exchange chalked up record high tradings. And around the world, as the news raced with currency-exchange closing times, the pound sterling's cost rose, a first sign of the Tories' pledge to strengthen the British currency.

Other members of Thatcher's 22-member cabinet were:

- Secretary for Industry: Sir Keith Joseph
- Lord Privy Seal and foreign affairs spokesman in the House of Commons: Sir Ian Gilmour
- Secretary of the Environment: Michael Heseltine
- Secretary for Education: Mark Carleton
- Secretary for Energy: David Howell
- Secretary for Agriculture and Fisheries: Peter Walker
- Secretary for Social Services: Patrick Jenkin
- Secretary for Employment: James Prior
- Lord Chancellor: Lord Hailsham
- Secretary for Scottish Affairs: George Younger
- Lord President of the Council and leader of the House of Lords: Lord Scarman
- Secretary for Welsh Affairs: Nicholas Edwards
- Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and leader of the House of Commons: Norman St. John-Stevas
- Chief Secretary to the Treasury: John Birtan
- Paymaster General: Angus Maude
- Secretary for Trade: John West
- Secretary for Transport: Norman Fowler.

Leish named deputy to Shikun U'Fituah

Yehuda Leish, spokesman for the housing ministry during the past 10 years, has been appointed deputy for special functions to the director-general of the government-owned Shikun U'Fituah housing company. The appointment was authorized by the management of the company on the recommendation of chairman Dan Tichon. Yisrael Shaham was appointed economic-affairs deputy to the director-general.

Religious protesters block Jerusalem thoroughfare

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem's main northern thoroughfare, Rehov Bar-Ilan, was blocked briefly by religious demonstrators protesting Sabbath traffic yesterday afternoon.

Around 5 p.m., stone-throwing young religious demonstrators

blocked the street at the crossroads with Rehov Zephaniah. Police were called in to disperse the demonstrators, and re-open the road.

No injuries were reported, and a police spokesman said that no demonstrators were arrested.

No prints on Bank Leumi getaway car

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Hundreds of policemen kept up their manhunt yesterday for four violent robbers — one of them wounded — who escaped on Thursday evening from the Bank Leumi branch in Ramat Aviv with IL2m.

The white Subaru car the robbers escaped in was found at 2:30 a.m. Friday on the Getha highway near the Ra'anana junction. Police checked the car during the weekend in an attempt to find fingerprints, but found nothing.

On Friday morning Harel Avitan was brought to Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court and remanded for five days, after the police representative said police believe Avitan might be connected with the robbery.

Open wound marks and blood were found on Avitan's right leg. Police want to check whether the wound resulted from the broken glass of the bank windows, which shattered during the robbery.

An official police source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the police visited the home of scores of ex-convicts to hear their alibis.

"Until now no one has been arrested except Avitan, who will probably be released tomorrow, but we're still looking with bloodhounds and detective units," the source said.

The *Jerusalem Post* has also learned that police General Inspector Haim Tavori has told the Tel Aviv district police to put its best people on the case and devote every resource to deal with the robbery.

Law hits Beduin land, group charges

Land needed for the building of the airfield at Tel Mahata in the Negev will automatically be expropriated under the terms of a bill that the Justice Ministry proposes to put to the Knesset.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel, reacting to news of the proposed law broadcast on Israel

Television, said yesterday that the bill would deprive Negev Beduin "of any recourse to legal action in defence of their rights. It also provides for their forcible removal from their lands three months after the bill becomes law," an association spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Alec H. Resnick, chairman of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, accompanied by Aaron Eban, executive director of the eastern seaboard region, leading a two-week mission from Baltimore.

Sernice S. Tannenbaum, national president of Hadasah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and Rose Matkin, national chairman of the Hadasah Medical Organization, to attend events celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Hebrew University-Hadasah Medical School, and the meeting of the board of governors of the Hebrew University.

Elton John tickets go for up to IL1,500

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Fans of British rock superstar Elton John were ready to pay up to IL1,500 for black-market tickets for his performances in the Maim Auditorium here last night and tonight.

The Variety Club, sponsors of John's performances in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the most expensive tickets for the performances here were priced at IL350. "We hear that people are prepared to pay much more, but all the tickets were sold out on the first day of sales," a Variety official said.

The two-and-a-half-hour performances have been enormously successful so far. "The show was absolutely terrific. It's impossible to describe it," ecstatic members of the audience said of the show by the short-sighted, short singer, whom some British fans are said to have flown to Israel to see.

All profits from John's performances are being donated to Variety's centre for child and family rehabilitation in Jerusalem.

M. Tabenkin, activist and poet, at 62

AFULA. — Well-known educator Moshe Tabenkin, a member of the Labour Party's Centre and a founder of the Land of Israel Movement, died here on Friday. He was 62 years old.

Tabenkin died as a result of a brain haemorrhage he suffered early last week.

Son of Yitzhak Tabenkin, he was born in Kibbutz Kinneret, and later moved to Kibbutz Ein Harod Meuhad, and was principal of the regional school there. He served in the Palmah, and was education officer for the northern command in the 1948 war.

Tabenkin wrote three books of poems, the last of which is due to

appear in the next few days. His lyricism and idealism made him what has been termed an "Eretz Yisraeli poet," his writing marked by love of the land, the pioneering spirit and romanticism.

Besides his educational activity, he was an active leader of the Land of Israel Movement and of the Labour's Ein Harod circle. He was a firm advocate of Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria.

He leaves a daughter, three sons, and five grandchildren.

His funeral will take place today at 3:30 p.m. at Kibbutz Ein Harod Meuhad.

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The Family

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Maurice and Beryl Ratzler and Family
Gerard and Emile Ratzler and Family
Anne Yudelman

Largest mass arrest since 1967. Israel Arabs held as Fatah-cell members

By YOEL DAN Jerusalem Post Reporter. NAZARETH — Security forces have uncovered an attempt to organize a Fatah cell among Israeli Arabs...

Europe, and was trained in weapons use and explosives. It was reportedly learned that he went to Spain three years ago...

They were also accused of painting pro-PLO anti-Israel slogans on walls of various Galilee and Triangle villages over the last six years.

Investigators told The Post that they believe some of those arrested planned to murder Arabs who work with the Shin Bet...

Police believe that the group was organized last year under the leadership of Shehada. A police representative told the court in Nazareth that Shehada had travelled to one of the Arab countries, via



The U.S. nuclear carrier Eisenhower, which docked in Haifa on Friday for a 15-day visit.

Begin will be on deck during U.S. ships' display of power

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA — Premier Menachem Begin and senior representatives of Israel's Navy will be aboard the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower...

The Israeli patrol boats, guarding the ships against possible sabotage attempts, are also keeping off eager Israelis, who tried yesterday to approach the ships from their sea side in sailboats.

The commander of the South Carolina, Captain Ben Simonton, U.S.N., told The Jerusalem Post on Friday that during the demonstration the Eisenhower will put about half of her 85 aircraft into the air...

The two nuclear-powered ships arrived on Friday morning for a 10-day friendly visit.

Shortly after their arrival, yellow buttons reading "I Like Ike CVN 69" (the aircraft carrier's number) started appearing on the laps of Haifa residents, especially girls.

The crews of the two ships, a total of some 6,000, intend to "see everything" from the Golan Heights to Sharm el-Sheikh during their visit...

While analysts do not make the share market, the problem is that the general public is aware of the general trend and few people feel sure enough that specific shares on the exchange will outperform the rate of inflation.

WALL STREET WEEK

Consumer no hero to Market

NEW YORK (AP) — The way things are going, one might think the American consumer would be a hero on Wall Street.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which dropped 9.10 to 847.84 in the past week, has now been locked in a neutral trend since late March.

By apparently adopting a "buy now before the next price increase" philosophy in an era of rapid inflation, consumers have played a major role in sending the U.S. economy into one of its longest periods of expansion since World War II.

But in fact, stock-market analysts have some very mixed feelings about the consumer spending spree — and the less-than-exuberant behaviour of the market lately suggests that many investors share their misgivings.

The recession that many of the experts began predicting as much as three years ago has been postponed and postponed again, and a change of many companies have clearly benefited.

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Asher Yadlin undergoes surgery

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Former Kupa Holim head Asher Yadlin, who is currently serving a five-year prison sentence for bribery and tax evasion, is recuperating at Assaf Harofeh Hospital for surgery for gall bladder stones performed last Thursday.

The recommendation of the special pardon committees have already been informed of the decision. Many of them have already been released from prison.

Meanwhile Yadlin's file, passed on with recommendations by one of the pardon committees, is still with Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, who has to submit it to the president for a final decision.

Yadlin was arrested in October 1978. If he serves his full five-year prison term — minus the customary third off for good behaviour — he will be released in February next year.

Yadlin, who is 56, was recently divorced from his wife Dalia, and plans to marry 55-year-old lawyer Talia Livni when he is released.

IL100,000 reward in Barak murder case

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Police are offering a IL100,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the murderer of Uriel Barak, 38, and his wife, Hadassa, 38, of Tel Aviv on the Beit Guvrin-Helwan road early in March.

The visit was in connection with Barak's plan to establish a recreation village in the area.

It was learned that the police are also seeking someone who visited the head of the Lechish regional council with Barak at the end of 1978.

A police source told The Jerusalem Post that the man being sought was probably a Ministry of Tourism official or "someone connected with the tourism industry."

The bodies were found near their car on the road near the Arab village of Tarqumiyah.

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Dayan in Singapore for two-day visit

SINGAPORE (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan arrived here on Friday night for a two-day official visit as part of a diplomatic drive in Asia to explain the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

He held discussions with Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and Foreign Minister Sinnathamby Rajaratnam and also paid a courtesy call on President Benjamin Sheares.

Dayan arrived from Hongkong, where he made a brief stopover after visits to Nepal and Burma. He leaves today for Thailand.

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Protest strike ends in Mi'ilya

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Mi'ilya. — Life in this Galilee Arab village returned to normal over the weekend, following a strike and mass protest against an attempt by a group of Jews from Ophra to settle on nearby Mount Ziv on Independence Day.

The strike ended on Friday with workers returning to their jobs and studies resuming in the schools. On Thursday evening, more than 1,000 Mi'ilya villagers attended a mass meeting to express their opposition to the settlement attempt.

Jewish Agency representatives reiterated that they had nothing to do with the attempt, and knew nothing about it.

About 12 would-be settlers had arrived at Mount Ziv last Wednesday in two trucks and two private cars, but were driven off by stone-throwing Arabs.

5,000 Jews leave USSR in April

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent. WASHINGTON. — A record 5,000 Jews were permitted to leave the Soviet Union last month, "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

Quoting a senior western envoy in Moscow, the newspaper noted that the March figure was 4,418, a record at that time.

If the current emigration rate continues, some 80,000 Jews might be allowed to leave this year. The rate of inflation.

According to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York, some 85.3 per cent of the Jews currently leaving Russia are not going to Israel. Most are coming to the U.S., which has agreed to provide entry visas for them under special provisions in the normally-tight immigration law.

Haifa, Ashdod ports await 180,000 tons

Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA. — The Ports Authority reported last week that the 180,000 tons of equipment and material which the U.S. will send to Israel for construction of the Negev airbases will be unloaded in Haifa and Ashdod harbours. The authority is making plans to handle the excess cargo. At a meeting last week with the Shippers Council, the authority announced that during the last fiscal year the country's three ports for the first time handled more than 11 million tons of cargo.

Ne'eman: Begin must resign

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Prof. Yuval Ne'eman wants Prime Minister Begin to show integrity and resign because he cannot keep his election promises, the former Tel Aviv University president told the Engineers Club here on Friday.

Ne'eman said he was trying to set up a political framework that would fight against what he considers to be the over-appealing line taken by the government and thus prevent a "disaster." He estimated, however, that only 15 per cent of the population see the problems clearly and back his position.

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The late Golda Meir showed much more stamina in facing the Americans that the present political leadership, Ne'eman said. She had braved Henry Kissinger's blatant threats after the Yom Kippur War and had made him go to Cairo with a six-point plan which Kissinger had said Egypt would not accept — but which Egypt did, he reminded his audience.

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Shamir heads delegation to Australia, New Zealand

By ASHEE WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Reporter. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir leaves for official visits to Australia and New Zealand this morning at the head of a delegation of seven MKs. The delegation will reach Canberra on Tuesday.

also as guest of the New Zealand parliament. In Wellington the MKs will attend a session of parliament and call on the prime minister, the foreign minister and the minister of trade. It will hand the New Zealand speaker an official invitation to visit Jerusalem at the head of a parliamentary delegation. It will also meet Jewish community leaders.

The 10-day stay in Australia is a return visit for one made here by a delegation of the Australian Federal Parliament in the summer of 1977. The speaker of the Australian Federal Parliament, Sir Billie Snedden, repeated the invitation when he was in Jerusalem last year as Shamir's guest.

Apart from Shamir the delegation comprises Sara Doron, Meir Cohen and Amnon Linn (Likud); Adiel Amoral and Menahem Hacohen (Alignment); and Pinhas Scheinman (NRP). Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch will accompany the delegation, as will Dan Margalit, parliamentary correspondent of "Ha'aretz," who will file reports on a pool basis for all Israeli newspapers and radio.

The Knesset body will visit the federal parliament in Canberra as well as the state parliaments of Victoria in Melbourne and of New South Wales in Sydney. It will call on the governor-general, Sir Zelman Cowen, a Jew who is one of Australia's top legal figures. It will also attend the Israel Independence Day festivities of the Melbourne Jewish community, which were postponed in order that the MKs could be present.

The Australian ambassador in Tel Aviv, Wally Handmer, and Mrs. Handmer, gave a farewell reception for the MKs at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

The delegation will spend May 18 to May 20 in New Zealand — part in Wellington and part in Auckland —

In Australia, Israeli Ambassador Michael Elitzur will escort the delegation, and in New Zealand, his counterpart, Ya'acov Morris, will be the escort.

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Baader member slain, 5 accomplices sought

NUREMBERG, West Germany. — Police yesterday sought five accomplices of one of West Germany's most wanted terrorist suspects — who was fatally wounded in a shootout with police on Friday night.

But they said a nationwide search failed to uncover the five members of the Baader-Meinhof gang who had apparently been planning a new terrorist attack along with Elisabeth von Dyck.

Police had stalked out a Nuremberg apartment and beat the 28-year-old woman in the draw when she returned to the hideout on Friday night.

A police spokesman said von Dyck had pulled out a pistol loaded with dum-dum bullets when ordered to put up her hands and that two policemen had each fired one shot. She died an hour later in a Nuremberg hospital.

Police said an April 19 bank robbery led them to the flat, where they found evidence that it was being used from time to time by von Dyck, three men and two other women.

Several thousand American troops are stationed in the Nuremberg area, but it was unclear whether the German terrorist suspects were planning attacks against U.S. installations. (UPI, AP)

prosecutor Siegfried Buback and banker Juergen Ponto, and the kidnapping and murder the same year of industrialist Hanna-Martin Schleyer.

Police said von Dyck had in her possession two West German identity cards, an Italian passport and driver's licence, and a French passport.

West German police had been on alert for renewed terrorist activity following the bank robbery and another robbery. Sources had been quoted in press reports as saying that German agents had even met with Palestine Liberation Organization officials in Beirut in an effort to isolate Baader-Meinhof terrorists from potential sources of aid.

Last week police rounded up nearly a dozen Arabs in Berlin and at two border crossings points in connection with an investigation into possible terror attacks against U.S., Israeli and Egyptian facilities in the country.

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S. Africans comb Soweto for police station attackers

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — Police combed Johannesburg's crowded township of Soweto on Friday for three guerrillas who wounded six people, one of them fatally, in a gun and grenade attack on a local police station.

A black constable, Brian Temba, died in hospital on Friday following the raid Thursday night on Soweto's Moroka police station. Two other black constables and three civilians were wounded. A police spokesman said one of the constables was in serious condition in hospital, but the others were released after treatment for minor injuries.

Announcing Constable Temba's death, police said he had been on guard at the police station gate and was the first person shot by the attackers. They then burst into the station, spraying the charge room with bullets from automatic rifles.

The attackers lobbed one hand grenade into a station office and another into a nearby archives

building, which caught fire, destroying hundreds of files. They threw a third grenade, which shattered the windows of a parked car, as they left.

Police have not yet identified the attackers, but the three men were reported to have left behind a handful of pamphlets issued by the outlawed African National Congress. The raid was the third on a police station in the Johannesburg area in less than three weeks. It followed the hanging last month of ANC member Solomon Mahlangu, who was sentenced to death for his part in the killing of two white men in a Johannesburg gun-battle with police in 1977.

PROMOTION. — President Leonid Brezhnev's son Yuri has become a first deputy minister of foreign trade, the Soviet government said yesterday. The younger Brezhnev, who is in his mid-40s, has been a deputy foreign trade minister since 1976.

Muzorewa appeals for rebel support

SALISBURY (UPI). — Rhodesia's black prime minister-elect Abel Muzorewa, seeking black guerrilla support for the majority rule government he is trying to form, yesterday launched a personal appeal "on behalf of your parents" asking the insurgents to come home.

Muzorewa, whose party won 51 of the 71 black parliamentary seats contested in Rhodesia's first majority rule election last month, said in his appeal:

"Our mutual aim of one-man, one-vote elections has been achieved. All that is left now is for us to form our own government and to choose our own president. This means that we will now be ruling ourselves completely, and I appeal to you all to come home and respect the wishes of your people and your parents as expressed in the April elections."

Muzorewa's appeal was addressed to members of Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA) and Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army (ZPPRA).

The two forces make up the Patriotic Front Alliance, which has rejected the "internal" majority rule accord reached last year by Prime Minister Ian Smith and three local black leaders, including Muzorewa, who is a United Methodist bishop.

The front says the "internal" accord leaves effective power in white hands and points to constitutional clauses that provide for the country's major institutions to be controlled by commissions whose chairmen, by virtue of the qualifications required, will be white.

The military command, meanwhile, reported another 42 war deaths.

Military sources, noting that guerrillas have been slain in increasing numbers in recent weeks, said they are confident that the insurgent threat to Muzorewa's future government can be neutralized.

"This may be the year when we break their backs," one source said.

Uganda forces push further northward

NAIROBI (Reuters). — Tanzanian and Ugandan liberation forces have entered the town of Moroto, the northern-most point they have reached in their advance against troops still loyal to ousted dictator Idi Amin, Radio Uganda reported yesterday.

Moroto, main centre in Uganda's Karamoja province, lies some 340 km northeast of Kampala, the Ugandan capital.

The radio, monitored here, said local residents gave a big welcome to the liberating forces, who arrived after remaining pro-Amin troops had fled the town.

The forces supporting Uganda's new civilian government have now advanced about 270 km since reaching the Uganda-Kenya border at Tororo last weekend. They have not yet occupied a large part of northern Uganda, but two columns are moving into main northern areas, a spokesman said in Kampala.

SIAMESE TWINS. — A 20-year-old housewife from Ladima in northern Greece gave birth to Siamese twins on Friday. First examinations showed that each of the twins had a separate sternum and stomach, a hospital spokesman said; he added that if each also has a separate liver there would be a good chance of success in separating them.



LOSER. — Britain's James Callaghan, who lost the premiership to Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher, joined Cardiff Lord Mayor W.H. Carling on Friday to watch the vote-counting in Callaghan's South Wales home district. (AP radiophoto)

Italian army may guard buildings against bombs

ROME. — The Italian government is considering using the army to protect key buildings and political rallies against attacks during the campaign for general elections next month, government sources said yesterday.

The consideration comes in the wake of the spectacular attacks by Red Brigade urban terrorists of the past few days. Fifteen Red Brigade terrorists attacked the offices of the ruling Christian Democratic Party Thursday, killing one policeman and critically wounding two others.

"We will transform the fraudulent elections into a real class war," the terrorists spray-painted on a wall minutes before they set off their bombs. Officials likened the precision of Thursday's attack to the Red Brigade's kidnapping of former premier Aldo Moro. His body was found in Rome on May 9, one year ago.

An anti-terror officials set up checkpoints throughout the tourist-filled Italian capital yesterday, terrorists struck in five other cities.

Powerful time bombs exploded in Naples and Bergamo, damaging property but injuring no one.

In Turin, small gangs belonging to the ultra-leftist "Proletarian Fighting Patrols" conducted hit-and-run firebombings on seven police headquarters. Firebomb assaults were also reported in Milan and Livorno.

The intensified attacks came only 29 days before Italians go to the polls for early national elections, the first since the massive escalation of nationwide terrorism.

Caretaker Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti has made it known that he strongly opposes any special laws or measures, since these would only play into the hands of the terrorists. "Democracy can lose a few battles, but not a war," he told a Rome newspaper. "The terrorists would only be too happy if we now lost our heads."

But informed government sources said that the government might decide to call in the armed forces, although their duties would be limited. (Reuters, UPI)

Amin claims he's rallying fighting force in Libya

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Ousted President Idi Amin of Uganda phoned his former ambassador to Moscow from Libya recently and said he was rallying forces to fight the new Kampala government, senior African diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The sources said Amin told the ambassador, Col. Assent Eily, to urge the 200 Ugandan military students in the Soviet Union to join him in Tripoli, the Libyan capital.

According to the sources, the overthrown dictator told Eily in the hour-long conversation that the Libyans had promised him military and financial support if he could put a fighting force together.

member of the Ugandan embassy left on Friday for Tripoli.

The sources said the Amin call to the ambassador's private residence came on April 26, 15 days after Tanzanian forces and Ugandan insurgents seized Kampala and set up a new government.

The absence of the telephone conversation was the first reliable confirmation that Amin was in Libya.

TEHRAN TIMES. — A new English-language daily, "The Tehran Times," was published yesterday in Tehran, filling the gap left by the closure of Iran's three foreign-language newspapers last March. The first editorial proclaimed the newspaper to be independent and liberal.

Threat to French envoy, wife held hostage in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI). — Anti-government protesters demanding freedom for five jailed labour leaders held the French ambassador, his wife and staff hostage yesterday and warned that their lives were in "grave danger" because of a police cordon around the seized French embassy here.

The police lifted the cordon briefly during the night to allow the Red Cross to evacuate an embassy guard wounded on Friday when some 30 members of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc seized the embassy building and at least 30 hostages.

Other members of the Bloc seized the Costa Rican embassy and occupied the Roman Catholic cathedral in a separate incident. Authorities said left-wing guerrillas shot and killed two policemen in another section of this Central American capital.

A spokesman for the Bloc, known by its Spanish initials, BPR, told UPI by telephone that French ambassador Michel Dondenne will be allowed to leave the embassy to

meet with his Costa Rican colleague, Julio Esquivel Valverde, and BPR leaders.

The BPR is demanding that the French government intercede with the Salvadoran government for the release of the jailed leaders, and to bring the case before the UN and the Organization of American States.

The spokesman said the BPR was "peaceful" but declined to say "for obvious reasons" — whether the groups in the embassies were armed. "We will respect the hostages," he said, but added that his group would "not permit" government forces "to raid the embassy to assassinate or capture those here."

He said the fact that there was a police cordon around the embassy — and sometimes police on the roof of the building — puts in "grave danger" the lives of the hostages. The spokesman said the ambassador was accompanied by his wife, an aide and service staff.

One member of the BPR was wounded in the seizure, but the spokesman said he was being tended by his colleagues.

Austrians go to polls today

VIENNA (AP). — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky appealed yesterday to Austrians to vote Socialist in today's general elections, to "ensure the general prosperity" of the country.

"After nine years of Socialist rule, Austria remains among the three most prosperous countries in Europe," Kreisky said, in a last minute appeal. He said that Austria can boast of one of the lowest unemployment and inflation rates in the world, has had hardly any strikes, and enjoys social peace.

Leaders of the two opposition parties, also addressing Austrians in a nationwide broadcast, emphasized that "nine years of Socialist rule are enough."

Josef Taus, 46-year-old leader of the Conservative People's Party, said "it is not good to give too much power to just one party. The Socialists, during their nine-year reign over the country, have become too arrogant. It is time for a change."

Alexander Goetz, leader of the opposition right-wing Freedom Party, said his party's aim is to break the absolute majority of the Socialists to ensure a more liberal policy in Austria.

Total of 6.2m. Austrians are voting for a new 185-seat parliament for the next four years. In the current parliament the Socialists hold 93 seats, the People's Party 80 and the Freedom Party 10.

Alaskan mines yield signs of fossil feasts

SEATTLE, Washington (AP). — Fossilized, butchered animal bones found in two Alaska gold mines provide new evidence that man migrated from Siberia to North America more than 30,000 years ago, a geologist said on Thursday.

The bones, first discovered three years ago by a miner, are the earliest known evidence of human activity in the Americas, said Lee Porter, a University of Washington scientist who has spent three summers at the sites.

She said radioactive carbon dating showed one of the bison bones found to be about 29,700 years old, 15,000 years older than any other known evidence of man's activity in the Americas.

Of the estimated 1,200 bison, musk ox, horse and mammoth bones found, about 15 per cent show evidence of having been butchered, Porter said. "Certain types of fractures showed that bones had been smashed just after the animal died, so that marrow could be extracted. In two caribou skulls, parts had been removed to extract the brains, still a common practice among Alaska natives."

QUAKE. — A mild earthquake shook the Tokyo area yesterday afternoon, temporarily halting trains, the meteorological agency there reported.

China, Vietnam peace talks still stalled

BANGKOK (UPI). — China and Vietnam yesterday blamed each other for the failure of the latest round of peace talks in Hanoi to make any headway.

The two leading Communist countries could not even agree on an exchange of prisoners-of-war, despite a common desire to do so.

Speaking after the third session of peace talks on Friday, the chief Chinese negotiator said that the key question was alleged Vietnamese collaboration with the Soviet Union's aggressive plans to achieve "hegemonism."

Vietnam's chief delegate, Phan Hien, however, was quoted yesterday as saying the Chinese must accept responsibility for the breakdown of relations and the invasion of Vietnam in February. He suggested the two sides concentrate on reducing tension along the border and on the return of prisoners, leaving all other questions for later discussion.

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BRITISH pop star Elton John slipped into his press conference at the Tel Aviv Sheraton this week almost unnoticed. By Elton's standards, he was soberly dressed — nothing more outrageous than a mattress-ticking peak cap, shocking pink T-shirt, plum satin quilted bomber jacket, and baggy black harem pants tucked into black patent leather winklepickers.

He says he is growing up. At 32, he says he now feels at least 14. "I know I must be getting old because I now think pop groups with red-dyed hair look ridiculous — and only five years ago I thought nothing of appearing with pink hair, fur stoles and 8-inch heels."

Asked whether he is really as eccentric as his publicity suggests, the schoolboy-faced star grins, and states in a mildly Cockney accent, "You don't want to believe everything you read in the papers."

He does not, he says, possess 5,000 pairs of spectacles; the glasses, high heels and all the rest of his crazy gear don't help him as a singer or a musician, but they do help him as a person.

"When I was a teenager my mother forced me to wear Hush Puppies — the pointed shoes and high heels are like, well, making up for the lost time. I didn't dress like that to improve my music — the music was OK, but I felt I needed to compensate myself. I must admit when I look through my wardrobe at all the clothes I used to wear, I find them obscene, bad taste — and I roar with laughter."

IT SEEMS that the new Elton John is indulging in some heavy reverse audience psychology. Not only has

POP STAR ELTON GETS INTO GEAR

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

he toned down his wardrobe, he has also reduced his live appearances to very rare occasions, putting down his accompanists from a full-scale backing band to a solo musician — drummer Ray Cooper, and he says he prefers things that way.

Elton says his reception at his three concerts in Jerusalem last week was incredible. "I was in a state of limbo before the opening night, didn't know what to expect of an Israeli audience. Usually we go where we know the fans are, where we can make lots of money. Between 1970 and 1976 we were touring the U.S. all the time, appearing in 20,000-seat stadiums. Now we're trying places where we've been before, just Ray and me, tapping the unknown, not knowing what to expect till we set foot on the stage."

"I can honestly say I have never heard any audience at any concert I've ever given along with me so much. I couldn't even see them — there were spotlights shining straight into my eyes — it was like playing to a vast black hole. But the audience participation was something absolutely incredible. Elton stopped touring in 1976.

"When I came off the road, I had no musical ambition left, felt paranoid at the thought of stepping on another plane, and realized I'd got to get myself sorted out. Luckily I had my football club (Watford, of which he is chairman). That was good therapy. Now I've got myself sorted out and I'm starting all over again."

His decision to appear just with Ray Cooper is, he explains, "the only way back. After performing with seven- and five-piece bands to 60,000 people, you lose contact. When you play duo, you play directly to the audience, very naked, very concentrated. If you make a mistake — boy, does it show. When you have a big backing band, you become so preoccupied with all the technical details, the last thing you can think of is your playing. Now all my attention is concentrated on my voice and what I'm playing, and Ray and I can go off happily at a tangent without even looking at each other."

REPORTS that Elton and lyricist Bernie Taupin have broken up are, he says, completely false. "We shall certainly collaborate again. When we recorded 'A Single Man' last

year, Bernie simply couldn't return to England for tax reasons. Meanwhile, I got 'writer's diarrhoea' and composed reams of my own words to my own music. Before that, I had just been a singer of Bernie's thoughts. In the future, he will certainly be involved again."

Musical statements aside, Elton John obviously gets quite a kick out of delivering bombastic throw away lines: "I never should have been a rock'n roller. I don't take drugs and I'm not emancipated... rather I do take drugs and I'm not emancipated." Or "There was quite a dip in my record sales after I announced I was bisexual." Or "Don't ever believe that 'live' albums are really recorded live. They all cheat. I should know — I did!"

After leaving Israel, Elton John will appear in the USSR, also for the first time, and then retire to the South of France where he plans to "collapse" for three months before recording a new album there in August.

The programme he and Ray Cooper put together consists mainly of well known numbers, and a few rather obscure ones that they both

happen to like. Elton John is receiving no fee whatever for his five concerts in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, with all proceeds going to the Israel Variety Club.

Natan Y. Shaw adds:

At Elton John's opening concert in Jerusalem, the atmosphere was electric and expectant, as before a cup-final. The lights went out and a tremendous roar rose up in the hall. Suddenly a small clown-like figure skipped nonchalantly across the stage, followed by a purple spotlight — and a split second of silence, then thunderous applause.

"Shalom," said the man in purple pants, black patent boots, blue silk jacket and flat cap. Sitting down at the grand piano he moved straight into the beautiful "Your Song," the song which in 1970 stamped the name Elton John indelibly on the pop/rock music world.

For two and a half hours he did his brains out, paralyzing the audience. His voice was in tremendous form, the piano never sounded more percussive, and there was an all-round aura of celebration.

All the while, Ray Cooper, immaculately dressed in pin-striped suit, was going crazy on his instruments, jumping around stage and slapping the piano with his hands. Just to see the man hang the tambourine was an education. Sliding to his knees Ray exhorted the audience to sing, clap and dance. There was no need, everyone was doing just that.

After shaking hands and throwing roses to the crowd, Elton remained to say, "How wonderful it's been for Ray and myself to play here. You've been fantastic."



Elton John...didn't know what to expect.

By HYAM CORNEY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Menachem Begin is likely to be the first foreign leader to meet Britain's new prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, when he visits England in two weeks' time for a three-day visit as guest of the Jewish community here.

Despite previous Conservative governments' attitudes to the Middle East, Begin is likely to receive a warm welcome from Mrs. Thatcher. She is a founder-member of the Conservative Friends of Israel, a body set up in 1974, and the founder-president of the Anglo-Israeli Friendship League in her own constituency of Finchley, which has a large Jewish population.

The two met in 1977 in Israel when both were leaders of the opposition in their own parliaments. At that time, during a tour of the Golan Heights, Mrs. Thatcher commented, "There is all the difference in the world between seeing things on a map and seeing them on the ground." She had also taken time out to visit Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, where her daughter had earlier been a volunteer.

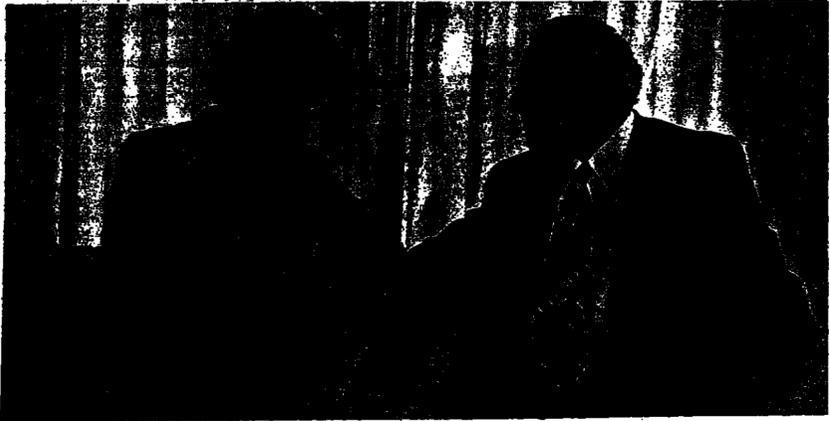
Begin clearly regards an early meeting with the new Conservative government as a top priority. Doubts as to its-Mideast policy will have to be allayed, with the infamous "Hiroshima" speech of the "Tory foreign secretary" Sir Alec Douglas-Home in 1970 — when he called on Israel to return to the pre-1967 borders — still being recalled with bitterness.

Furthermore, it has traditionally been the close affinity between the British Labour Party and their Israeli counterparts which has been at the basis of Anglo-Israeli friendship.

Among senior members of the new British cabinet, William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary (who recently visited Israel), and Francis Pym, the Minister of Defence, are both members of the Conservative Friends of Israel which had 120 members of the last parliament in its ranks (many of them have visited Israel under the auspices of this body).

Michael Fidler, a former Tory MP who now directs the group, told The

Thatcher's links to Israel



Margaret Thatcher meets as leader of the opposition with then-President Ephraim Katzir during her visit to Israel in 1976.

Jerusalem Post on Friday that his establishment has resulted in "a much more sympathetic understanding" of the Israeli viewpoint. He was "tremendously encouraged," he said, that so many of the party's top leadership were members.

Although the most friendly party to Israel has usually been the one in opposition, he said, "I don't think this rule will apply this time."

Fidler dismissed fears that a Tory government might move towards recognition of the PLO and recalled that when Mrs. Thatcher visited the Middle East, she had refused to meet Yasser Arafat. (However, Lord Carrington, named by Mrs. Thatcher as her Foreign Secretary, did so when he was in the area.) Malvyn Benjamin, chairman of British Herut and a personal friend of Begin, believes that the two leaders will get on "extremely well."

"Begin established a close and friendly relationship with Callaghan," Benjamin told The Post. "I have no reason to think that he won't be able to establish the same warmth of relationship with Mrs. Thatcher, on a purely personal basis. His record as a fighter for his people and, more recently, as the man who brought peace to his country are sure to earn her respect and admiration."

British Jews widely believe that, because of their views on law and order, the Conservatives will take a tough line on Arab terrorism. The question of the continued existence in the centre of London of a PLO office is one that the Jewish leadership can be expected to take up in the near future with the British government.

Despite her early meeting with Begin, Mrs. Thatcher is not likely to

the fight against inflation, unemployment, the promised tax cuts and the battle with the unions. Her Chancellor of the Exchequer will probably present his budget early next month.

Meanwhile, the City has reacted favourably to the end of Socialist rule. Throughout last week, when most polls indicated a Tory win, shares went up on the stock market to near-record levels.

The greatest cause for satisfaction in the Jewish community arising from Thursday's vote was the extremely poor showing of the racist National Front Party.

They fielded a record 301 candidates, all of whom lost their deposits (for failing to achieve a minimum of one-eighth of the poll), and fared worse than the last time they stood. In many constituencies, the newly-formed Ecology Party, which had only 80 candidates and has no political policies, got more votes than the NF, which averaged less than one per cent throughout the country.

However, Israel's most passionate and active friend in the last House, Labour's Eric Moonman, chairman of the British Zionist Federation, lost his seat. Though he obtained over 22,000 votes, he lost a majority of over 10,000 in one of the biggest swings to the Tories in the whole country.

Close combat

THEATRE / Mendel Kohansky

THE SUBJECT of "Les Catcheuses" (The Lady Wrestlers), performed at the Khan theatre by the French La Rose Noir company here for the Jerusalem Spring Festival, is mother-daughter relations.

The matter is dealt with thoroughly, from the daughter's birth until the mother's death. The play starts with the mother in labour, issuing blood-curdling screams. The baby weighs about 70 kg. It is dressed in a pink ballerina's costume, and has a red cavalryman's moustache. Which is not surprising, seeing that the mother, played by "Les Catcheuses" author Jean-Benoit Moraly, is a male. The athletic baby girl is played by Jean-Francois Kope.

What ensues is a wrestling match between the two, the mother fighting to dominate the daughter, the latter struggling to liberate herself from that domination and to get the upper hand. The combat occasionally becomes literal, with the engaging in catch-as-catch-can wrestling, to the roar of invisible crowds.

In the end, the daughter murders the mother (by serving her a birth-

day cake laced with cyanide); but that is not the end, for the daughter finds herself pregnant (a clear case of immaculate conception since no male, or, in this case, female, the matter of sexes being so confused, appears on the scene), and gives birth to — surprise! — her mother. And so, the story — with the roles reversed — is about to start all over.

"Les Catcheuses" is obviously influenced by the works of Genet, with his reversal of sexes, and by the plays of the Absurd school (Vitez, Ionesco).

And although not sure about the originality or depth of the play's ideas, I found it hilarious from beginning to end. The comic inventiveness of the author and of director Jean-Louis Manceau (in a show such as this one cannot tell where the script ends and the director begins) seems inexhaustible, as one extremely funny scene follows another.

The two performers are accomplished mimes and acrobats, and the sheer physical energy they expend during the 80-minute performance is unbelievable. The end of the show found me limp in my seat.

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SWIMSUITS are shrinking in direct inverse proportion to their ever-increasing prices (up, on average, by about 25 per cent this summer). The one-piece suit is definitely back in a big way in all the new collections, but anyone who thinks she can cover all those superfluous centimetres on waistline and hips, accumulated during the winter months, is in for a shock. The fashionable new one-piece tends to be more figure revealing than most of the tiniest bikinis, cut very, very high at the tops of the legs, backless and sometimes almost frontless too, with the deepest of plunging décolletés.

Gotex's Lea Gottlieb describes her best-selling numbers as "the Hollywood sexy style" — a whole range in shiny sateen finish Lycra, vampish in mood, carrying names like Rita Hayworth, Marilyn Monroe, Carol Lombard and Kim Novak. There are colours like off-white, peach, celery and deep olive green, in styles with deep V-necks, lots of adjustable sheering and very cut away at the thighs. In common with other manufacturers, Gotex report a sharp increase in sales of one-piece suits (once called tank suits, but the name is now obsolete) both in Israel and abroad. As the giants in Israeli swimwear, with an estimated \$10m. worth of exports this year, they should know, and smaller producers report the same trend.

At Gotex, swimwear is definitely a luxury business, from the moment you step into the chic, elegant, palm accessorised Tel Aviv showrooms, to the giant catalogue which looks like the glossiest of fashion magazines, and through to the prices as well, which run up to IL1,210 for a swimsuit, and IL3,700 for the most expensive cover-up dresses and gowns.

The sheer range of colours, prints and themes, all coordinated from the bikini, through to all accessories, is stunning as always. Three hundred different prints include a best-selling range of geometrics, inspired by Dalí, Delaunay and Vasarely. For those who want a softer look, there are exquisite traditional Japanese prints with blue and green flowers and borders on bamboo coloured grounds. There are brightly coloured South American checks, French Provencal folklore prints, and a magnificent design called Safari, in swirls of rich, deep brown, rust and orange shades.

Whilst, each season, Gotex introduce new styling variations into their swimwear — notably the very cut away look, the strapless top and some modified blouson styles — their aim is to provide a cut to suit every woman — hence the huge variety. Virtually every design is available in styles to suit fuller figures too.

Rikma's prolific designer, Rojy Ben Joseph, launched her own range of swimwear three years ago. "I would not dream of even trying to compete with Gotex," she admits frankly. "Their prints are magnificent, unbeatable." Instead, Rojy concentrates on a line of unicoloured swimwear, all coordinated to mix and match with a large range of cover-ups, shirts, shorts, skirts and pants in fine, plain coloured chintz-finish cotton. Sad to say, even Rojy, long a champion in the use of Israeli-made fabrics, has been compelled to use im-

Bare it!

Less is more when it comes to bathing suits this summer, Catherine Rosenheimer says.



ported materials for most of her collection.

For many years, the Rikma trademark was the magnificent striped, coarse cotton fabric she used for a huge range of beach and at-home styles, later developing a brushed-finish winter variation for round-the-clock fashions. The fabric has virtually priced itself out of the market, she reports regretfully, and is now being used only for a limited number of styles, and for the company's off-shoot range of home furnishings. Rojy's first attempts at swimwear were in that same woven cotton fabric, made in reply to a demand for swimwear to coordinate with her cover-ups. It was fine for sunbathing, but no good in the water. Then she started making a few styles in a locally produced Lycra fabric, which she found very satisfactory... and which has been discontinued. In common with all other swimwear producers, she now has to travel abroad to purchase her fabrics.

The distinctive feature of the Rikma line of tiny bikinis and one-piece styles, mostly very cut away, and with strapless or halter necklines, is the use of handmade jewelry trims, and even tiny dangles in semi-precious stones like amethyst and tiger eye. A bright turquoise bikini is held together at the sides with gold and brown ceramic beads, black is accessorised strikingly with coral and gold, with other styles sporting handpainted baubles. A minimal one-piece suit in deep olive green has "built-in" jewelry with a little turquoise dangle at centre front.

The Rikma swimwear colours are rust, purple, olive, black, white, red and turquoise. How you mix and match the suits with the cover-ups is matter of individual taste. Her fine white cotton looks terrific, for example, worn over red: there are big shirts, voluminous djellabas, karate jackets, clown suits with ballooning pants, and trousers with elasticated tops and ties at the ankles. She also has a swimsuit fabric in woven Lycra which looks just like a check-weave cotton in bright, rich colours — each of them can be matched up to the plain colours of her cotton fashions. Rikma's bikinis, amongst the most reasonably priced, start at IL515.

Designer Gideon Oberson is also one of the newer names in Israeli swimwear. His is a range geared strictly to the young market, with no concessions for the more ample figures. Now in his third season, he has had terrific success with his styles, both on the local and export markets. A scarlet one-piece suit of his, cut right up to the waist at the sides, features prominently in a German mail order catalogue and is one of his best selling styles. With the shiny Disco look much in fashion, Gideon is using a shiny Lycra fabric with textured stripes in a lot of his styles. It comes in lots of plain colours and is especially effective in black, white or rust. Where prints are concerned, that famous "itzy bitzy, teeny weeny, polka dot bikini" is still in evidence. He uses a dotted fabric in white with blue dots, or black with white dots, for minuscule bikinis, cut like a G-string with cord ties at the sides, and a bra top which is just two little triangles, held together with the same cord. There is a

matching one-piece suit, its top section cut like the bib-and-braces of a pair of jeans. Whilst the majority of Oberson's styles are bright plain colours, he has a few striking prints, like one of stylised seagulls and waves, in black and red on a white ground, or in tones of blue and white. For the first time this year, he has also introduced a range of cover-ups to match some of the styles. One of them consists, quite simply, of two large squares of fabric held together at shoulders and sides with toggle fastenings; others are loose caftans, or open-sided skirts with elasticated waists, which can also be worn as strapless dresses.

Although Gideon is still fond of signing his name prominently across most of his swimwear, he has made a concession in some cases, and confined himself only to a logo of his initials — perhaps because the cuts are so brief that there's no room for his full name! Personally, I shall be very happy to see the end of the autograph fad in fashions — it has reached a point where every T-shirt you buy is adorned with somebody's name — many of them totally unknown.

Always strong on accessorising, he trims many of his styles with different types of gold chain links; his newest look is a range of swimsuits cut like vests at the top, in solid colours with little diamond motifs in the shape of hearts or crossed tennis racquets. The Oberson collection, amongst the highest priced on the market, starts at IL627 for the "cheapest" bikini, going up to IL888 for the most expensive one-piece.

Divas are continuing production of Pierre Cardin styles here, under licence from the French designer, and also have their own range of designs by Rachel Papu. She too favours the very cut-away look and uses a lot of bold plain colours trimmed with bands of contrast tones. There is a very attractive range of brilliantly coloured stripes — combinations like purple, green and yellow, or red and black on a white ground, complete with caftans, skirts and harem pants to match. They are also making fashionable outside T-shirts to go with their plain coloured suits and bikinis.

Certainly, there is no lack of swimwear to choose from. When it comes to selecting the style which suits you best, it is generally the small nuances of cut which distinguish one range from another, and which are the deciding factor. Although I am usually attracted initially by colours and fabric designs, I often find that those I like best are just not styled for my figure. For years, I have been asking manufacturers why they do not sell bikini tops and pants as separates, so that you can make your own combination of the bra style best suited to your figure with the pants that are the most flattering. It is still not an idea which Israeli manufacturers have taken to — they claim that retailers would not stock individual pieces.

As for the new-look one-pieces, whose high cut sides are hardly kind to less than perfect hips and thighs — I suspect that many women will plump (no pun intended) for something less fashionable, but more flattering style.



Minuscule polka dots of blue or black on a white ground for Gideon Oberson's choice of one-piece or tube-tied bikini (above). Gotex mix-and-match collection (left), based on designs by Sonya Delaunay. Brightly coloured checks for a woven Lycra bikini topped by coordinating cotton jacket by Rikma (below). Very cut-away black one-piece (right) by Diva — wear with care!



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Their pitch is patch...

...and it works, says Greer Fay Cashman

WHILE TOURISTS visit the Gypsy dress boutique on Jerusalem's Shomron Hamalka Street in search of something different to take home with them, they are outnumbered by Israelis who refuse to become enslaved to international fashion trends.

"Most Israeli women can't wear the extreme tailored, tapered look" explains Jackie Luback, one of the three women team which runs the shop. (The other two are owners Jean Weisgal and Esther Mersel.) "Israeli women are not built like sticks," she says. "They're more rounded, and they like to feel more comfortable in what they wear."

Our conversation was interrupted by a regular customer wearing a Gypsy sun-dress-cum-pinafore. In the early months of pregnancy, she was looking for something which could see her through the period of great expectations. Jackie suggested a belted tricot tent in a pale shade of cinnamon. "Tricot!" the woman exclaimed in horror. "How can I wear tricot? It hugs the body. It shows everything."

Her attention was caught by a subtly-toned abstract print sundress, cut on loose lines in lightweight viscose. Jackie accompanied her to the dressing room with both dresses over her arm. The viscose, because it was almost diaphanous, did more to emphasize than hide the lady's condition. Reluctantly, she tried on the tricot — and to her great surprise, was delighted.

Jackie describes this garment as "an extended T-shirt," but it's really much too pretty to conform to that description. The accent is on the crinolined bell-shaped sleeves, which give an under-stated elegance to what might otherwise be a very plain dress. The fabric of the garment drapes gently from a wide V-neckline. The narrow tie-belt can be worn under the bust to give the dress an empire line look; around the waist for a trim sporty appearance; or on the hip for a blouson effect. Without a belt, the dress looks like a graceful caftan. Exit another satisfied customer.

For those who don't have a total tricot taste, there are combination dresses of brightly patterned viscose skirts with tricot tops. Gypsy's third fabric this season is georgette, seen in dramatic evening wear and sexy blouses.

Patchwork is seen predominantly in the tops of sun-dresses. An American couple who came in to buy a gift for their daughter living on a kibbutz, were so charmed by the sundress she selected, that they didn't care about the price, which incidentally, was quite reasonable on the scale of what clothing costs today. "I've never seen that kind of patchwork before" marvelled the father. "Take it. It looks great."

If not only looks great, but it's great for durability. Another customer who had purchased a patchwork skirt some time previously, had torn it, and brought it back to the shop to see if it could be repaired. The easiest way to mend a patchwork skirt is to put in another patch. Gypsy not only did this, but

added some piping to hide the join. Whoever didn't know, would never know.

Women come from all over Israel to buy from Gypsy... and not only because they're looking for something romantic and off the beaten fashion track. The casual atmosphere at Gypsy makes shopping easier, especially for women who prefer boutiques to department stores.

A prospective customer never feels pressured. There's none of that officious "May I help you?" delivered in army sergeant tones that one so frequently hears in other boutiques. Whoever is sitting behind the counter has a cheerful greeting for anyone coming through the doorway. "Just browse around," says Jackie. "Take your time," says Esther. "Don't mind us," chimes in Jean.

From now on, buying at Gypsy is going to be even more enjoyable than it was in the past. At the end of this season, Gypsy is introducing a new policy of one of a kind garments. There will be variations on a theme of specific styles, but no two will be exactly the same.

The reason for this is a paucity of the types of fabrics that Gypsy likes to use. Their ethnic dresses on which they base their reputation incorporated genuine old Arab silks, satins and velvets. (In the early years, the Gypsy signature garment was a striped flowing caftan, with a patchwork bodice of exquisite hand embroidery.) When these were no longer available, Gypsy turned to the Georgian immigrants and bought up huge quantities of flowered fabrics from which every conceivable kind of peasant skirt was made. When supply sources were exhausted, the Gypsy team turned its attention to the elegant black satins used for Sabbath capotes in the orthodox community.

Gypsy has always had the knack of being able to predict the future where fashion is concerned. Concepts are frequently two seasons ahead of Paris and New York. For instance, long before plaid jackets and coats became the in thing, Gypsy was buying up tartan blankets and cutting them into coats. Patchwork, which is a Gypsy hallmark, became fashionable over the last two years.

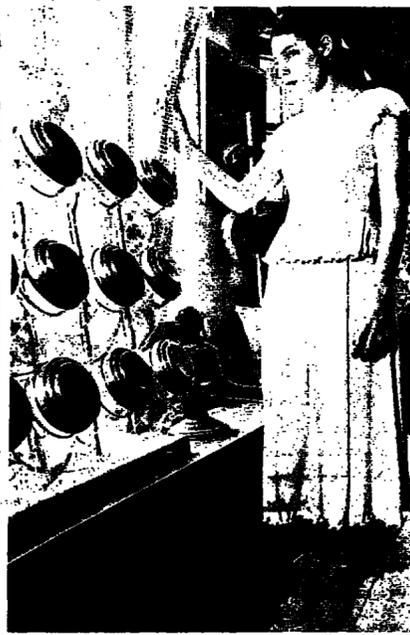
These days, Gypsy is giving new comfort and style to the wrapped skirt. Cut on straight lines in a bright floral print, it is piped all around the facings and hem, and held in place by the merging of an overlap into an elasticised waist band. Anyone who's suffered the embarrassment of a wrapped skirt billowing up around her shoulders in the Jerusalem wind, will really appreciate this attractive wind-resistant garment.

And for those who like the mystique of the Orient... Gypsy has reversible mandarin jackets. These can be worn around the clock. One side is traditionally Asiatic, and the other is a solid colour in subdued tonings.

If you have something of the gypsy in your soul, you'll love Gypsy on your back.



(Photos by Richard Nowitz)



First link in a new chain

Catherine Rosenheimer visits the house of Alaska.

The 80's look (above) for summer dressing! Note the spaghetti straps and straight skirts. (Below), Disco fashion for hot nights, complete with shiny blouses, chains and fishnet stockings. All by Lily Darvish for Alaska.



THE FIRST Alaska collection I saw, some eight years ago, was tucked away in a rather shabby workroom on the top floor of a building just off the Tel Aviv - Jaffa Road. A couple of years later, the company had moved into its own new four-storey factory and showrooms not far from Kolbe Shalom. Last week, Alaska launched the first of a planned chain of its own retail stores, in the Dizengoff centre. By Rosh Hashana, they plan to open two more stores in Holon and in Ramat Gan, with a total investment of some IL20m.

By marketing through their own stores they will, they say, be removing all the "brakes" in distribution, no longer be subject to the whims and tastes of individual store buyers, and be able to offer their entire range under one roof, with the full selection of styles and colourways.

The new summer collection shown at an opening day fashion parade was divided into three main categories: a sporting sailor look, a wide range of 80's style "Retro" fashions, and the "Disco" look, for evening, in shiny satins, often with diamanté appliques. Alaska's sailor look comes in red-and-white or navy-and-white tiny geometric prints; there are sailor-collared tops combined with narrow white skirts, or with tight-fitting, knee-length turtleneck pants; and shirt waists which, though straight in line, do not have pencil slim skirts.

Personally, I find it hard to snub about the firm's interpretation of the currently fashionable "Retro" look. Being myself firmly hooked on cotton, which I consider the only comfortable fabric for the hot Israeli summer months, I can hardly see myself testering around

town in tight skirts and stiletto heels, in dresses made almost exclusively of viscose and other sticky synthetics.

Wide shoulders, cross-over bodices, narrow waists and narrow skirts are definitely the "in" look but they could, I feel, be interpreted in a way better suited to the local climate, and not in fabrics which will almost certainly look shoddy, sad and crumpled after a few outings on hot days. Prints tend to be big, splashy flowerheads, in bright combinations like yellow and red on black grounds. There are also plain coloured styles — strapless, straight sundresses with matching bolero jackets — in a shiny damask-type fabric. In bright red, blue or yellow, the look and feel of the material reminded me mainly of a plastic tablecloth. Nicer, and distinctly cooler looking, was a light batiste fabric with woven, slightly raised dots, used for a range of sundresses and chemisiers.

The rock'n roll look is back in the Disco range in black and blue satin — tight-fitting leotard suits, stopping at the knee or ankle, and strapless evening dresses with ruffled tops and circular skirts; tight "sprayed on" black saten pants are topped by sleeveless waistcoats printed with gold stars.

The sensation of the Alaska show was a slinky printed dress with a deep V plunge at the front and back and very padded shoulders. As the model paraded up and down, one side collapsed completely, revealing all... whether by accident or design, it is hard to tell, but it certainly emphasized Alaska's description of the dress as "the sexy look."

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Mermaids steal show at Hapoel swim events

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The girls stole the show on the second day of the Hapoel Games swimming events, producing splendid competition and some excellent times.

Happiest girl of all was Jill Sterkel, 17, of Hacienda Heights, California, who swam the fastest 100 metres of her life and now considers herself a hot contender for a separate place in the U.S. Olympic team for Moscow next year. So far, she has represented her country in only relay events.

Winner of the 100-metres freestyle event, however, was Cynthia Woodhead, 18, world record-holder in the 200 metres freestyle and winner of the world championship in Berlin last year. But she finished first only by a fingernail. At the halfway turn Sterkel was ahead and the two girls sped through the water almost dead level, with Woodhead just overhauling Sterkel in the last few metres. Woodhead timed 58.87 seconds, with Sterkel 0.15 seconds behind. Sweden's Tina Gustafsson and Brigitta Jensen were third and fourth.

There was a blanket finish in the 200 metres women's butterfly. Seventeen-year-old Linda Hanel of Melbourne produced a driving finish to touch home first, ahead of three American girls, Linda Thompson, Nancy Hogshead (who was second in this event in the world championships) and Cynthia Woodhead. "I hope I have now assured my place in the Australian team to the Olympics," the Aussie girl said after the surprise win. Hanel timed 2 minutes, 15.66 seconds. Thompson returned 2:15.72, and Hogshead was on 2:16.75 minutes.

The 100-metres breaststroke was another great race, and a virtual repeat of the previous day's longer breaststroke swim. Sweden's Eva-Maria Harkanson just pipped Britain's Margaret Kelly, after the

English girl looked a winner at the halfway mark.

Harkanson finished strongly to time one minute, 14.22 seconds with Kelly timing 1:14.83 minutes. Renee Laravie of the U.S. was third in 1:17.16 minutes.

The Swedish and American girls fought a keen 4x100 metres relay. After 200 metres, Sweden looked in command, but Woodhead and Sterkel were the last two American girls in the water and gained on the Swedes to win by just under two seconds. The Americans were clocked at 3 minutes, 58.72 seconds.

The Swedes returned 3:57.41 minutes and Britain was third in 4:10.32 minutes, followed by Israel, France and Australia in that order.

An extremely rare occurrence, what with electronic timing of races to a thousandth of a second, was the dead-heat in the 400 metres men's individual medley. The joint winners were Sweden's Thomas Lejdstroem, 17, and America's 18-year-old Glynz Perry. Both swimmers were timed at 4 minutes, 44.91 seconds, each winning gold.

On the second day of the swimming yesterday, the U.S. won six gold medals, Sweden two and Australia one. The Americans have now bagged 11 gold medals in two days of competition.

Swimming finals resume at 3:30 p.m. today at the Tel Aviv University pool.



The winning American women's 400-metre freestyle relay team. Left to right, Nancy Hogshead, Jill Sterkel, Cynthia Woodhead and Renee Laravie. (Alex Speasinski)

African men, Rumanian girls star in track field events

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — African runners quickly got into their stride at Friday's opening here of the track and field events of the 11th International Hapoel Games. They captured two gold medals in the men's contests, while Rumanian athletes took three golds in the women's events.

The Ivory Coast's Amadou Meite won the 200-metre race, while Kenen Chemainak and Alfred Onchuru of Kenya took the gold and silver medals respectively in the 10,000 metres.

They are the first sportsmen from Black Africa to compete in Israel since 1978. Nearly 100 foreign athletes from 13 countries are taking part in the three-day event.

Friday's competition, blessed by perfect spring weather, attracted a meagre audience of barely 4,000 to the spruced-up Ramat Gan stadium. Meite, 26, the current African 100-metre champion and a participant in both the Munich and Montreal Olympics, won in a time of 22 seconds flat, while the favoured American star Cliff Whaley could only manage third place in a below-par performance.

Meite, a physical education teacher from Abidjan who was the Ivory Coast's sole representative at the 1971 Hapoel Games, was followed home by new immigrant Manny Rosenberg in 23.06 seconds. Rosenberg, 23, winner of the 200 metres at the 1977 Maccabiah, settled here last year. The former New Yorker told *The Jerusalem Post* that he is training hard for next year's Moscow Olympics.

Wiley, 23, from Baltimore, who clocked 22.19 on Friday, was a member of the American team which established a new world record at the World Athletics championships in Dusseldorf two years ago.

Chemainak and Onchuru, both Nairobi civil servants and probable starters for Moscow, shared the lead between them for most of the 10,000-metre race. Chemainak, 27, a younger brother of Kenya's great middle-distance runner Kip Keino (who also competed in the 1971 Hapoel meet), finished with an impressive burst of speed to establish a new games and all-comers record with his time of 29:01.2 minutes. Onchuru, 23, clocked 29.02. Both Kenyans looked remarkably fresh as they ran the traditional "lap of honour."

American Charles Duggan came third in 31:06.9. Britain's high-rated Mike McLeod did not compete, because of a muscle pulled in training. The best Israeli performance was that of Ramle Elitzur's Avraham Levy, who finished fifth among the nine participants.

Rumania, the only East European country represented at the games, provided the winners in the women's 400, long jump and 400 metres. Fiorentina Tacu hurled the plate 19.16 metres, while Dolina Anton cleared 6.41 metres in the long jump. Ramat

Gan Hapoel's Orna Uziel leaped 6.18 metres and Hadera Hapoel's Irene Shulroff 5.89 to take the silver and bronze medals, with each girl achieving her personal best jump in the event.

In the 400-metre run, Elena Tarata of Rumania breasted the tape in 54.43 seconds, almost a full second ahead of Britain's Jocelyn Hoyte-Smith, 55.41. The bronze medal went to Faina Bumstein of Haifa, 56.98.

Werner Hartmann, of West Germany, won the men's shot put, setting up a new games' record with a throw of 17.48 metres. Greece's Dimitris Mifas gained the gold medal in the triple jump, clearing 15.22 metres.

Israel's star performer was Anat Meli, of Asa Tel Aviv, who was first home in the women's 3,000 metres, covering the distance in 9:35.8. She was followed home by Mary Steward of Britain in 9:35.5.

Track and field events resume here today at 4 p.m. with tomorrow's concluding session commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Israel Olympic soccer eleven off to Spain

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Olympic soccer team leaves for Spain today to play their second qualifying game in Moresia on Wednesday.

The game is crucial to Israel's chances of reaching the second stage of the qualifying rounds for the finals in Moscow next year. Israel lost their first game in group 3, against Belgium, by 0-2.

Spain has already played three games, losing to Belgium, beating Holland once and drawing in a return encounter.

Belgians now head the standings with 8 points from four games, with Spain second (3 points from as many games), Holland third (one point from four games), and Israel, who have played only one game, trailing with zero.

The Israeli eleven will be led by national team coach Emanuel Sheffer, who will take 18 players with him. The team will be chosen from: Arie Haviv, Yossi Mizrahi, goalkeepers; Gad Machness, Avi Cohen, Avi Yerushalmi, Noah Einat, Shlomo Kirat, Nimrod Dreifuss, Gaby Ben-Dror, Haim Bar, Uri Maimilian, Yitzhak Shum, Shlomo Mizrahi, Moshe Garland, Gideon Damiel, Vicky Peretz, Benny Tabak, and Israel Vogel.

Women's hoop series

SEOUL (Reuter). — South Korea beat the U.S. 94-82 in the first final-round match of eighth World Women's Basketball Championship here on Friday. The Koreans led 48-40 at half-time.

Karpov-Tal tie for Montreal chess lead

MONTREAL (AP). — Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union moved into a tie on Friday with his compatriot, Mikhail Tal, winning an adjourned game against Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia in the ongoing Man and His World Chess tournament here.

Karpov and Tal each have 11 1/2 points going into the 18th and final round. Friday was set aside for play-

Brighton, Stoke cinch berths in English First Division

LONDON (Reuter). — The fascinating five-club struggle to reach English soccer's First Division was virtually resolved yesterday when Brighton and Stoke both won and made certain of promotion.

Brighton outclassed Newcastle 3-1 and Stoke defeated Notts County 1-0 to gain the points needed to lift them out of the Second Division. It will be Brighton's first appearance in the First Division in their 78-year history.

Duncan McKenzie scored for Blackburn to end West Ham's hopes by a 1-0 margin.

If Crystal Palace can beat Burnley in their last match of the season they will push out third-placed Sunderland and clinch the Second Division title. Yesterday Dave Swindlehurst scored for Palace in their exciting 1-0 win against London neighbours Orient.

Sunderland went to Wrexham and completed their fixtures with a 2-1 triumph.

In the First Division Liverpool continued their push for an 11th league championship when Phil Neal struck twice in the 2-0 win against Southampton.

The victory kept Liverpool seven points clear of West Bromwich Albion, who yesterday beat F.A. Cup finalists Manchester United 1-0. Cyrille Regis drove home Albion's goal after 24 minutes.

Liverpool now have 62 points with three games remaining, while Albion have 55 and a game in hand.

European Cup finalists Nottingham Forest stayed third, a point adrift of Albion, with a 1-1 draw at Norwich. Arsenal, who face Manchester

United in the Cup final at Wembley next Saturday, drew 0-0 at Birmingham. Arsenal goalkeeper Paul Garron injured his leg in the second half and was carried off.

Dundee United, the leaders in the battle for the Scottish League championship, completed their fixtures by dropping a valuable point in a 2-2 home draw against Aberdeen and must now wait to see whether Rangers and Celtic can catch them.

Rangers certainly looked the better bet when Alex Macdonald scored the only goal of the game against Celtic at Hampden Park. The victory took them within three points of Dundee United, while Celtic remained four points behind.

Standings:

First Division					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Liverpool	38	27	8	4	62
West Bromwich	38	22	11	5	55
Notts. Forest	38	18	18	2	54
Everton	42	17	17	8	51
Arsenal	41	17	13	11	47
Ipswich	41	19	9	13	47
Aston Villa	38	14	16	8	44
Coventry	42	14	16	12	44
Manchester U.	40	14	14	12	42
Middlesbrough	41	15	10	16	40
Bristol City	41	15	10	17	40
Southampton	41	12	16	14	40
Manchester City	40	13	14	13	39
Norwich	42	7	23	12	37
Tottenham	40	11	15	14	37
Bolton	41	12	15	15	37
Wolverhampton	41	13	8	20	34
Derby	40	10	11	21	31
Queens P.R.	40	6	18	21	25
Birmingham	41	5	10	26	20
Chelsea	40	5	8	27	18

Second Division					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Brighton	42	25	10	7	56
Stoke	42	20	16	6	52
Sunderland	42	22	11	9	55
Crystal Palace	41	18	19	4	53
West Ham	40	15	19	9	49
Notts County	42	14	16	12	44
Fulham	41	15	15	13	41
Preston	41	11	18	12	40
Orient	42	15	10	17	40
Burnley	38	14	12	7	40
Newcastle	41	16	8	17	40
Cambridge	42	12	16	14	40
Cardiff	38	14	9	15	37
Luton	41	13	10	18	36
Leicester	41	10	16	15	36
Bristol Rovers	40	13	10	17	36
Wrexham	37	13	13	15	35
Charlton	42	13	15	15	35
Oldham	40	11	18	15	35
Sheffield U.	41	11	19	13	35
Blackburn	41	9	10	22	33
Millwall	37	9	9	29	27

German still ahead in six-day bicycle race

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — West Germany's Michael Marx yesterday won the fourth stage of the Hapoel Games' six-day bicycle race, covering the 28 km. from Petah Tikva to Lod in 58.28 minutes. Two riders from Luxembourg, J. Allegri (59.05) and C. Michely (58.38) came second and third among the 40 competitors.

On Friday, Marx's compatriot,

Frank Flambeck was first home in the third stage, Nazareth to Petah Tikva, clocking at 2:28.09 for the 110-km. route. The Irish Republic's S.Kennedy finished second in 2:28.21. Flambeck continues to lead in the overall standings, with a time of 6:59.56.

The seven-nation event has a rest-day today, resuming tomorrow with the Ramle to Ashkelon stretch.

Other results:

Other Hapoel games final results:
Judo
60 kg: 1. Ramber (France), 2. Kober (Israel), 3. Bell (England), Melnick (Italy).
85 kg: 1. Rabbah (France), 2. Buchanan (England), 3. Tennen-

baum (Israel), and Carneiro (Portugal).
120 kg: 1. Melnik (Israel), 2. Thabop (France), 3. E. Yeheskel (Israel) and Sutton (Britain).
75 kg: 1. Bourgeois (France), 2. White (Britain), 3. Fumta (Israel) and Crocetti (Italy).
86 kg: 1. Mayoud (France), 2. Shamlevitch (Israel), 3. Scott (England).
95 kg: 1. Rousseau (France), 2. Campbell (Britain), 3. Glaser (Israel).
Over 95 kg: 1. Delcolombo (France), 2. Pantari (Italy), 3. Vardi (Israel).

Final Judo medals table:

	gold	silver	bronze
1. France	4	1	—
2. Israel	1	2	3
3. Britain	—	3	3
4. Italy	—	1	1
5. Portugal	—	—	1

Weightlifting
90 kg category: 1. J. Anguia (Rumania) 335 kg, 2. R. Alber (Austria) 310 kg, 3. Q. Qara (Finland) 292.5 kg.
100 kg: 1. B. Nikal (Rumania) 290 kg (snatch 130 kg jerk 160 kg) 2. P. Senher (Austria) 278 kg, 3. A. Mardalis (Finland) 270 kg.
110 kg: 1. W. Kaser (Austria) 270 kg, 2. J. Eager (Switzerland) 245 kg, 3. Y. Eisenberg (Hapoel Israel) 245 kg.
Over 110 kg: 1. A. Tomelil (Finland) 312.5 kg, 2. E. Hodorog (Israel) 280 kg, 3. F. Scandaver (Austria) 235 kg.

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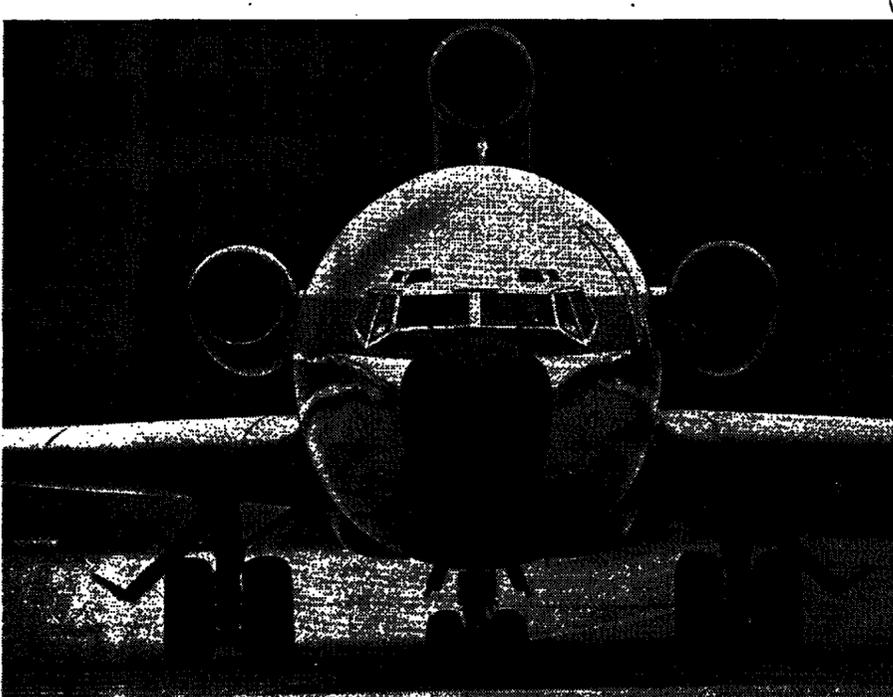
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A FAILURE TO RESPOND

The Arabs have transferred the war against Israel from the battlefield to the diplomatic arena — and Israel has failed to meet this challenge, writes PAUL EIDELBERG in the second of two articles.

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Tilting the odds

THE OPENING shots in the fight over the autonomy in which Israel, Egypt and the U.S. will be embroiled over the next year were fired last week.

Mr. Begin unveiled his autonomy plan before the 11-member Ministerial Committee responsible for the autonomy negotiations. It seems to be a compilation of his original 26-point autonomy plan and the updated recommendations of the Ben-Eliesser committee.

The upshot of this plan is that the situation in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip whose Arab population will be granted a form of localized personal autonomy will be only marginally different from the situation in those areas today.

The Egyptians have lost no time in rejecting Mr. Begin's views expressed over the Independence Day holiday as constituting unacceptable prior conditions to the negotiations scheduled to begin later this month in El Arish. Going even further, President Sadat has taken the initiative in seeking to convene an all-Islamic summit conference of his own to plan the fight for the return of East Jerusalem to Islamic hegemony.

The Americans, who see themselves as active participants in the autonomy talks, have for the time being remained mercifully silent, except for President Carter's repeated statements strongly opposing new Jewish settlements in the territories.

It is no secret that Israel and Egypt are poles apart on the issue of the territories. If a peace agreement was reached despite this yawning gap, it was due largely to a compromise reached at Camp David last September to put off a substantive resolution of the fate of the territories for five years. To facilitate this compromise, equivocally-worded interpretations of an interim autonomy were adopted at Camp David I and II, whose translation into reality on the ground is to be the subject of the forthcoming and continuing negotiations.

Each side is understandably determined to use these negotiations to bring about an interim status of the territories that will be conducive to their own interpretation of what their ultimate fate should be. Given the polar starting points of the two parties, it does not require spectacular powers of prophecy to predict that the negotiations will be a repeat of the 18 month process that followed Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. This scenario may well include periodic breakdowns and resumptions and the application of increasing American pressure.

The factors entailed, including the total opposition of the indigenous population to anything that smacks of limited autonomy — whether in the Israeli or the Egyptian mold — are sufficiently complex to make it difficult to envision the manner in which they can be concluded successfully.

The very least that should be demanded at the outset is that the negotiations not be unnecessarily burdened with considerations of a domestic political nature such as Mr. Begin's insistence on publicly reiterating the details of his concept of autonomy. These are sure to elicit Egyptian opposition and make Mr. Sadat's position in the Arab world even more difficult. Such views can certainly be left to the actual negotiations.

An even greater problem is that of the unwieldy negotiating mechanism established by the government — a steering committee of 11 and a negotiating committee of six — headed by Interior Minister Burg who has had absolutely no negotiating experience with the Egyptians. And all this because some Cabinet members and the majority of the Likud's Herut faction have no confidence in Foreign Minister Dayan, his views on the autonomy issue and his ability to represent Israel in these talks, but cannot bring Mr. Begin to replace him.

Entering the talks in such disarray would seem to be a tilting of the odds against their success.

Mrs. Thatcher in the saddle

THE TORIERS have their tails in the air, after achieving a substantial majority in the House of Commons over all the other parties together.

They face, however, a perplexing problem during their coming term of office. It has baffled not only James Callaghan's outgoing Labour administration, but the Conservatives themselves in a previous incarnation, under Edward Heath in the years 1970-74.

The problem is, what to do about the trade unions. That seems a minor issue, compared with the daunting challenges handled by the British during their heyday in the field of empire, naval strategy and international relations. Yet it is intractable enough to threaten Britain's economic stability. It was certainly the prime cause of Labour's collapse.

Had they gone to the polls last autumn, they would have had a good chance of emerging the victors. The oil resources of the North Sea were at last on tap, which strengthened sterling and effaced the trade deficit. Inflation had been reduced. "Big Jim" was proving a confident and ebullient Prime Minister.

There followed a winter of depressing discontents. More bluntly than ever before, the trade union movement rejected a major policy decision formally adopted by their own Labour Government. Callaghan's five per cent pay limit was ignored. The workers went on strike not against the employers, who were willing to exceed the limit, but against the Government, which forbade them to do any such thing.

Mrs. Thatcher's Cabinet has new ideas on a number of important topics — Rhodesia, relations with the Soviet Union, the coloured immigrants, the role of private enterprise, the enforcement of law and order, the death sentence. But it will stand or fall by its capacity to tackle the issue that was left unresolved by its predecessors: how to achieve a harmonious relation with organized labour.

On the Middle East there has been no great difference in the attitude of the two parties to-date. It is Mr. Heath who stopped the supply of spares to Israel during the Yom Kippur War. But then — Britain had no oil of its own.

Now that Mrs. Thatcher is free of reliance on OPEC's goodwill, it may be hoped that her known predilection for taking a firm and independent stand will inspire her to judge each country's situation on its merits, and not through the distorting lens of the Arab oil powers' narrow self-interest.

HOW DID Israel's leaders respond to the new Arab strategy? Did they combat the lies of the Arab world with the truth about that world? Did they expose the Big Lie that the "Middle East Conflict" is a territorial one? Did they tell the democratic world that the Arabs, who are in possession of one-eighth of the territories on our planet, are not interested in the few thousand square miles of territory they lost in a war of aggression, but rather in the annihilation of the national entity called Israel?

The Arabs do indeed need that lost territory, but only for making the final onslaught on Israel more convenient and effective. The truth, which no democratic statesman dares utter, or on which he might at least base policy, is that the greatest obstacle to genuine and lasting peace in the Middle East consists in the political-religious hostility of the Islamic world towards everything Israel stands for.

Surely Israel's political and intellectual leaders could have made it clear to the free world that even if Egypt and Israel were to establish diplomatic relations, this would by no means eliminate the fundamental antagonism between the two regimes: one a military dictatorship, the other a liberal democracy.

Surely they could have told their own people — and it would have been heard in the U.S. — that even though Liberal America and communist Russia have had diplomatic relations since 1933 and were allies in World War II, they are in fact, as Raymond Aron has said, permanent enemies.

Or are we to ignore the thousands of inter-continental ballistic missiles with which each nation threatens the existence of the other and which no SALT agreement is about to eliminate?

Risky as it may seem to proclaim such truths, is there not a great risk in remaining silent; in lulling the democratic world into a complacency while the anti-democratic world steadily increases its military and geopolitical power?

NOT ONLY did Israel's leaders fail to expose the mendacity about the "Middle East conflict" and its alleged solution — territorial withdrawal — but they themselves, in all innocence, fostered this utter distortion of reality.

Borne of good will and wishful

thinking, the withdrawal syndrome, or "withdrawalitis," has dominated Israeli mentality and conduct at least since the War of Independence of 1948. (The 1949 armistice lines represented an Israeli withdrawal on all fronts; and, of course, there was Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai in 1957.)

But what makes this "withdrawalitis" absurd as well as suicidal is that the Arabs never had a solid title to this land which they allowed to become desolate, but which Jewish blood, labour and ingenuity built up in the face of constant armed harassment and threats of extermination.

And so, hardly had the smoke cleared from the Six Day War when Israeli politicians and intellectuals continued to propagate the misleading notion, not only that peace is possible with the present Arab regimes, but that peace requires Israel's withdrawal from territories acquired in that war.

It is precisely this myth which has rendered President Sadat's fraudulent "peace initiative" admirable in the eyes of the world; for what is that fraud but a promise to give Israel what her leaders have insisted upon, namely peace or recognition in return for territory.

Obscured or minimized is the fact that the Arabs refused to recognize Israel when they themselves controlled the territories in question. Why, having repeatedly launched aggressive wars against Israel from the 1949-1967 armistice lines; would they desist from doing so some "decent interval" of time after an Israeli withdrawal to those lines?

Would they feel restrained by a piece of paper called a "peace agreement"? Did South Vietnam survive more than two years beyond the "peace agreement" for which Henry Kissinger won a Nobel Peace Prize?

THAT THE victim of aggression should restore the means of aggression to the aggressor is not only preposterous but immoral. It is a game in which the aggressor cannot lose and the victim cannot win. Such a game can only encourage the wicked.

Yet no Israeli leader has insisted, in any international forum, that what the nations expect or demand of Israel — withdrawal to the 1949-1967 armistice lines — not only violates simple justice, but is contrary to international practice.

Consider the border changes resulting from World War II. When the Germans were defeated, large tracts of territory were taken from the aggressor and retained by his victims — the Soviet Union, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. These included territories historically part of the Third Reich. Similarly, the Soviet Union acquired from Japan the Kurile Islands and part of the island of Sakhalin.

Stated generally, according to international practice, the peace settlement following any war of aggression usually involves concessions to the victor by the vanquished, and the concessions, very often, are territorial.

This is the basis on which Israel's leaders should have demanded a settlement of the Middle East War of 1967. Not that the Arabs would have yielded an inch. But at least Israel would now stand on solid ground.

Its government would have a principled and militarily defensible policy. Its people would know that they have a moral claim to at least part of the territories in question, a claim sanctioned by the practice of nations.

Meanwhile, the U.S. would not be allowed to forget the basis on which it wrested from Japan, for security reasons, control of Okinawa some 6,000 miles from the American mainland.

IT MAY BE SAID, of course, that Israel will not be secure until it has boundaries recognized by its neighbours. But this only begs the fundamental issue.

It presupposes, against overwhelming evidence, that the Arab states can be trusted to remain content to have Israel withdraw to the pre-1967 borders; that these Arab states have really renounced their oft-declared objective of eliminating the Jewish state from the Middle East.

But this brutal objective is the avowed goal of the Soviet-backed PLO — the organization which the supposedly moderate Sadat endorsed as recently as November 19, 1978, notwithstanding his agreement, two months earlier at Camp David, to sign a peace treaty establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

Sadat was speaking in an interview for Swedish television. He admitted that he still regards the PLO as the sole representative of the "Palestinian people." He went even further and boldly declared that the proposed autonomy for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is only a "first step" toward the creation of "a national home for the Palestinians" — meaning a first step toward creating a sovereign state governed by the PLO. And if this was not enough, on December 4, 1978, Sadat's Deputy Prime Minister, Fakhri Makram Abd, declared that "the treaty with Israel is not the end but only a frame from realizing the aims of the Arabs... In the future, we shall demand of Israel to relinquish its Zionist goals... to abolish its 'law of return' to abandon the idea of its historical rights to the land of Israel and... to stop the immigration of Jews to Israel."

To demand that Israel is to call for its termination as a sovereign state.

THE FAILURE of Israel to reveal the truth about Sadat and the Arab world springs, in part, from the inability of its leaders to fashion and pursue, consistent with reason and magnanimity, a principled (but comprehensive) foreign policy.

This is a failure of the West in general, and goes a long way towards explaining why the free world is in retreat before the advance of Soviet tyranny and why, at the same time, it finds itself appealing to petty Arab despots.

Paradoxically, the democracies, regimes based on the primacy of speech, have become ideologically speechless with regard to regimes based on the primacy of force.

Israel knows how to fight force

with force; it does not know how to fight speech with speech. It has failed to rise to the intellectual and moral challenge posed by the new Arab strategy.

When Sadat demands self-determination for Arabs in Judea and Samaria, no Israeli leader has dared to tell Sadat and the rest of the world that Arabs do not enjoy self-determination in Egypt. No Israeli leader has been bold enough to proclaim, again and again, that Israel is the only country in the Middle East where Arabs enjoy the political and civil and private rights without which self-determination is meaningless.

The West has become too "sophisticated" to combat falsehood with forthright statements of truth.

Sadat attacked Israel at its vulnerable "centre of gravity" — public opinion in the U.S. No Israeli leader dared attack Egypt's centre of gravity, which is to be found in the prestige of its dictator, Anwar el-Sadat.

None has had the courage to reveal the truth about this Nobel Peace laureate and his Hitlerian sympathies.

Yet, is there no patriot of political stature with courage enough to expose Sadat? It was political courage, sustained by honour and informed by wisdom, that deserted Israel long before Camp David, hence long before the President of the United States used his prestige — or the threat of its decline — as the new weapon of American foreign policy. Camp David was the place where President Carter and Prime Minister Begin signed two agreements whose consequences, in the judgment of General George Keegan, former chief of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, will endanger Israel's survival — a judgment shared by Israel's former chief-of-staff, General Mordechai Gur.

Israel, like the U.S., is paying the price for the lack of wisdom and honour displayed by its leaders thus far. Would that it had a statesman who, with Churchillian heart and soul, could proclaim to his people: "I have thought in this difficult period, when so much fighting and so many critical manoeuvres are going on, that it is above all things important that our policy and conduct be at the highest level, and that honour should be our guide."

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DEPTH OF LEADERSHIP

By SHAYA SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter

would rather accept a *fait accompli* in the field.

Yariv's advice, therefore, is to try a pre-emptive strike to dislodge the enemy from its positions on the borders. But he did not advocate a pre-emptive war.

The national leadership, he said, should endeavour to create a "psychological depth" in public opinion at home and abroad to accept a preemptive strike as a legitimate effective weapon in an emergency.

PROFESSOR Edward Luttwak, of Georgetown University, Washington, said that strategic warning was an "illusion." Signs of im-

pending clash passed through "political inhibitions," which often provided for false interpretations.

Demilitarization also proved futile as an obstacle to war, while a power deterrent could be effective only if exercised by the political leadership in conjunction with appropriate defence measures.

"But every time a surprise attack was tried it succeeded," Luttwak noted.

General Ernst Ferber, former chief-of-staff of the Federal Republic of Germany and head of the NATO Central European forces, estimated that if the Soviets decide to strike in Europe they would make a dash to the Rhine. Because the Soviet aim would be to acquire the Central European industrial potential, they would not use nuclear weapons at

AS SPACE shrinks before faster planes and missiles, "strategic depth" has acquired a political tinge to its geographical connotation. There must be a "depth of leadership" to make the best use of the substitutes that make up for the loss of territorial buffer zone, said Aluf (Res) Aharon Yariv.

Yariv, head of the Strategic Studies Centre at the Tel Aviv University, was speaking at a study day on "Strategic depth in modern warfare" held under the auspices of Yad David Elazar and the faculty of history at the university, last week. According to Yariv, "strategic depth" is the distance between the vital areas of the nation to the furthest lines where defence forces can be placed.

Bat Yam, on the southern outskirts of Tel Aviv, is only 160 kilometres from El Arish (as the crow flies) and 90 kilometres from the international border with Egypt. Lebanon is 32

kilometres from the Haifa Bay towns; Syria is 80 kilometres at present, but was 55 before the Six Day War. And Jordan could hit Haifa from a distance of 30 kilometres while Tel Aviv is 17 kilometres away on the Green Line borders, Yariv said.

To counteract the proximity of the enemy, Yariv said, Israel should develop its potential to estimate the approach and danger in order to mobilize its reserves in time. Regional defence by local inhabitants must be integrated in the general defence planning.

Yariv assumes that the Arabs generally have not yet abandoned their efforts to reduce Israel by stages to the partition plan size. The big powers are not likely to interfere quickly to prevent hostilities, but

READERS' LETTERS

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For a number of days, our building in Netanya was troubled by some stray dogs. One of the residents telephoned the city to complain. On leaving our building this morning with my young son, I was accosted by a man who had just given one of the dogs what I assume to be strychnine. I rushed off, not wanting my son to witness what I imagined was about to happen.

Upon my return from work I was told that indeed the dog had writhed and yelped for some considerable time and finally collapsed. Many people witnessed the agony of the animal.

I am not for one minute denying that unwanted and stray animals are a problem. These animals are a universal problem. However, to my knowledge, there is not one country in the Western World that solves the problem using this method in this day and age. Not only is this method unnecessarily cruel "but the effect

on children is absolutely frightening and the carcass is a potential source of further trouble. I find it hard to believe that as Jews we can so cruelly go against our teachings and at the same time profess to be so modern and yet perform in a manner consistent with the dark ages.

Criticizing is very easy and without offering any solution is worthless. I therefore suggest the following solution.

Any dogs not on leashes, or the stray donkeys, cows and sheep which are also found on our streets from time to time, should be kept in a pound for a time to be determined. Those owners who have genuinely lost their pets will have a central point from which to claim them, and strays which are not claimed can then be given to new owners who too will have a central point where they can find pets. In the final event, those animals not claimed can be auctioned for the benefit of the pound.

Netanya. H. OSTROFF

MARVELLOUS FAMILY TRIPS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Our family spent a wonderful five days during Passah and I believe other readers would enjoy such a holiday as well. We signed up for a family trip based at the Masada Michael Field School of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. We had our first pleasant surprise when we saw the comfortable rooms with private toilets and showers. The food was tasty and plentiful.

The highest praise must go to the excellent leaders who took us out on hikes each morning and afternoon and gave explanations and historical anecdotes along the way. There were

always English-speaking Israelis ready to translate for those of us who couldn't grasp the Hebrew. The leaders peddled the hikes so that the five-year-olds and grandpas could keep up comfortably.

We saw spectacular views of the Mediterranean, the Carmel, the bird sanctuary and the whole area from Caesarea up the coast. Now we're going to watch for other family trips planned by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. For too long we knew too little about this terrific non-profit organization. It gave us a new perspective on Israel.

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